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Creator of *Rave Master*

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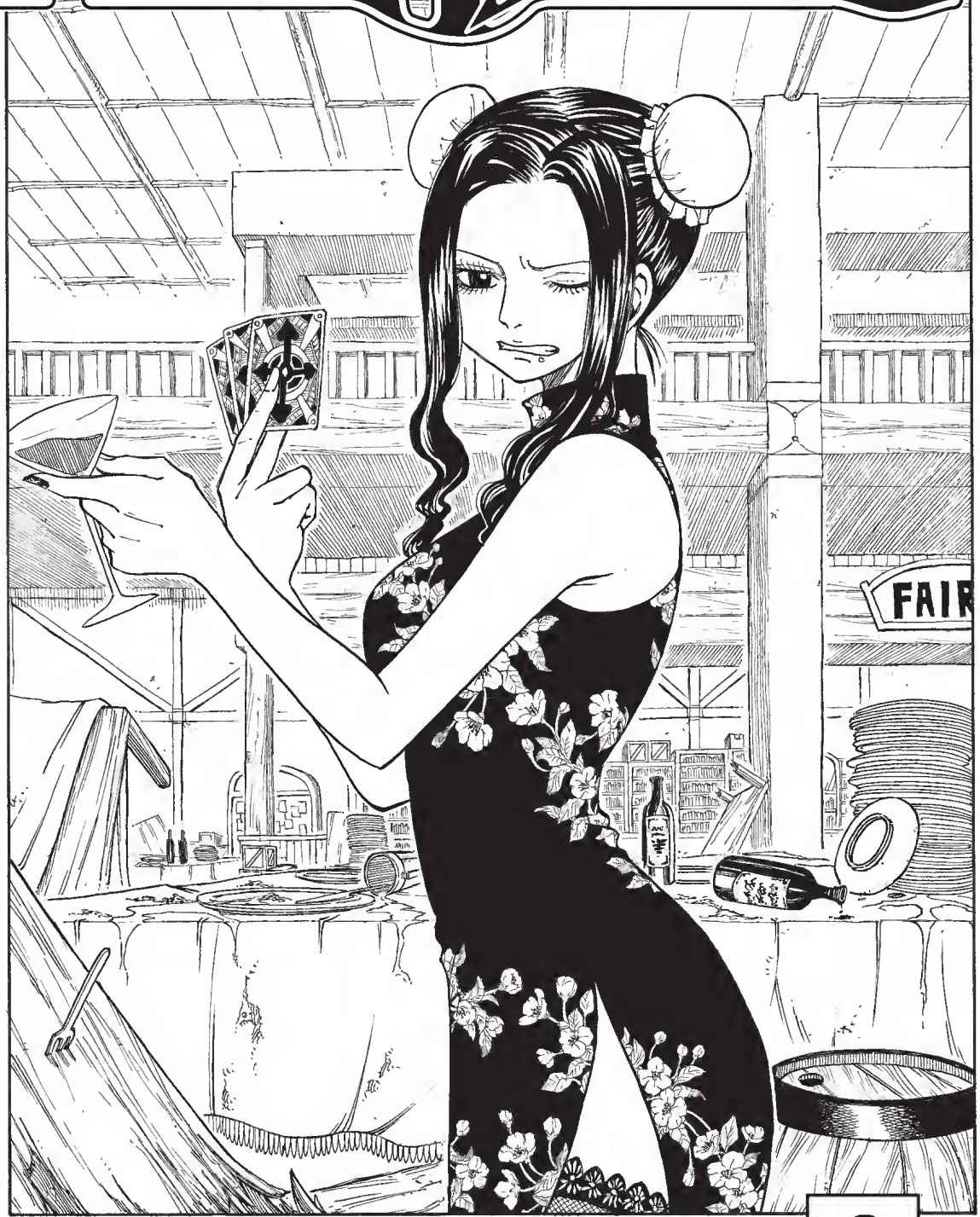

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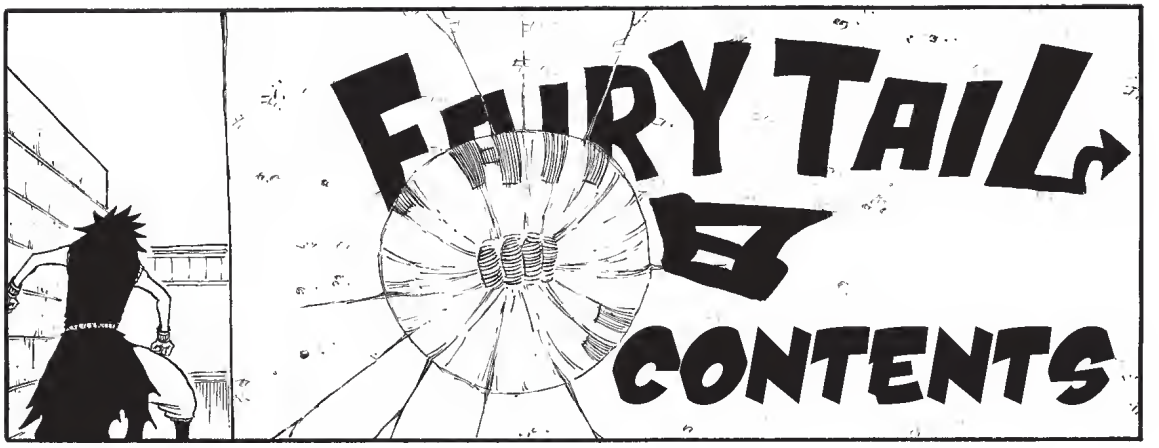

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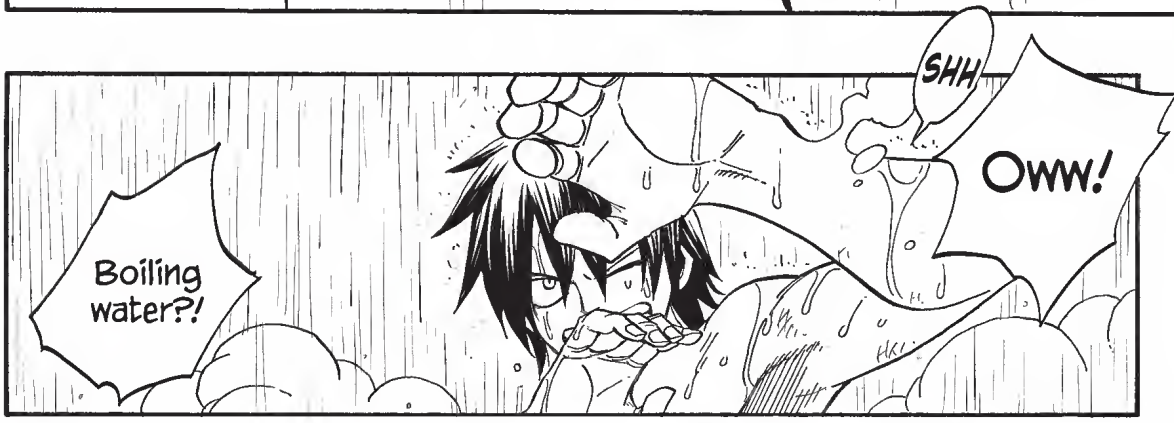
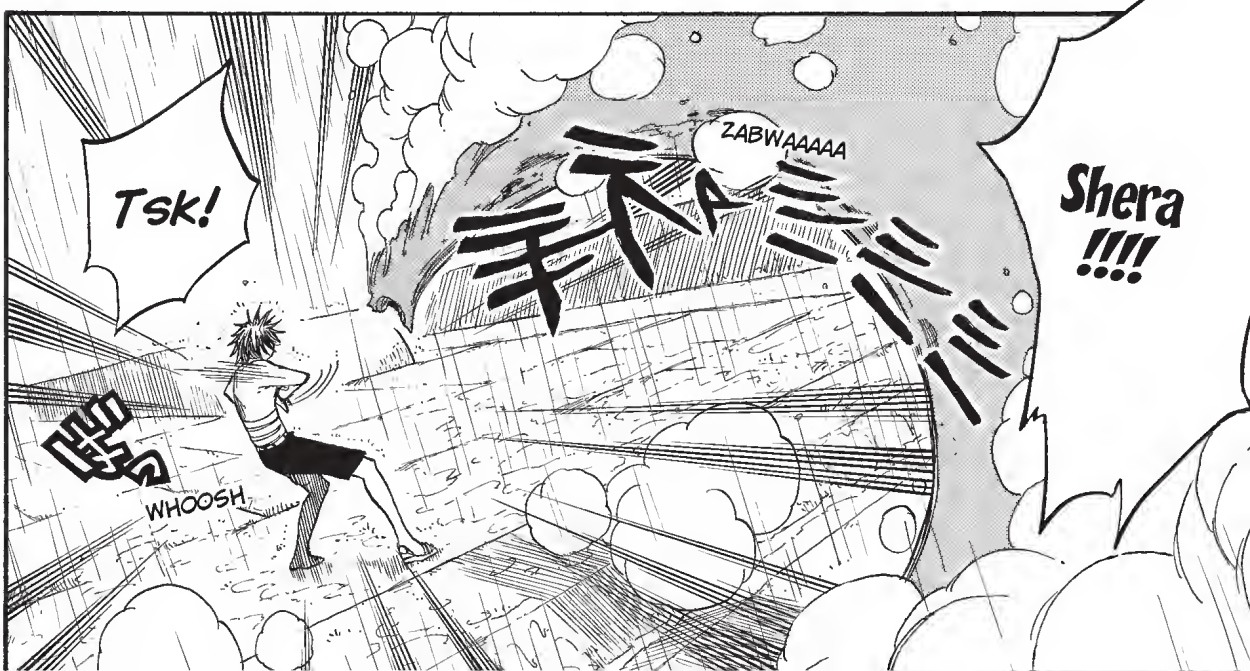
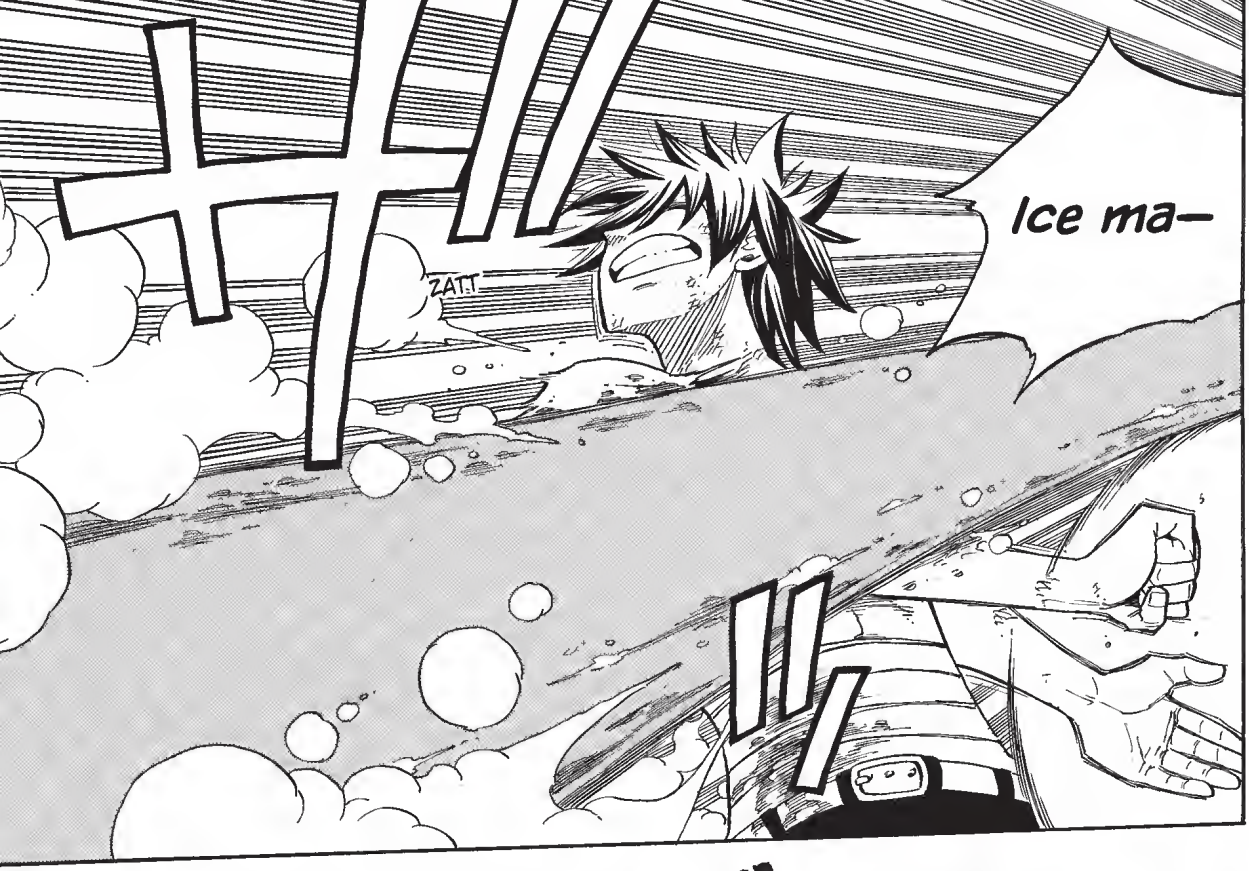
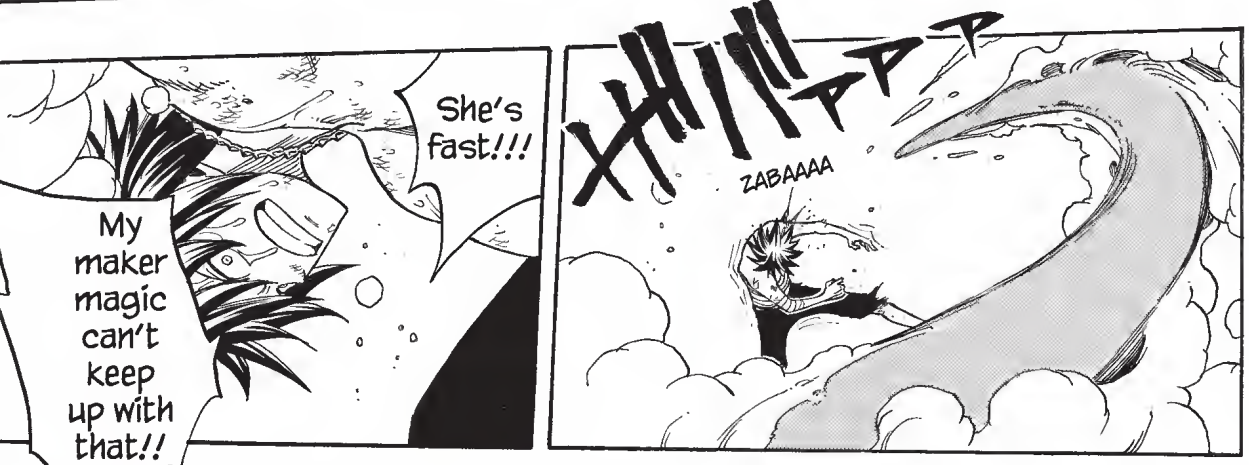
Chapter 57:
Fair-Weather Charm

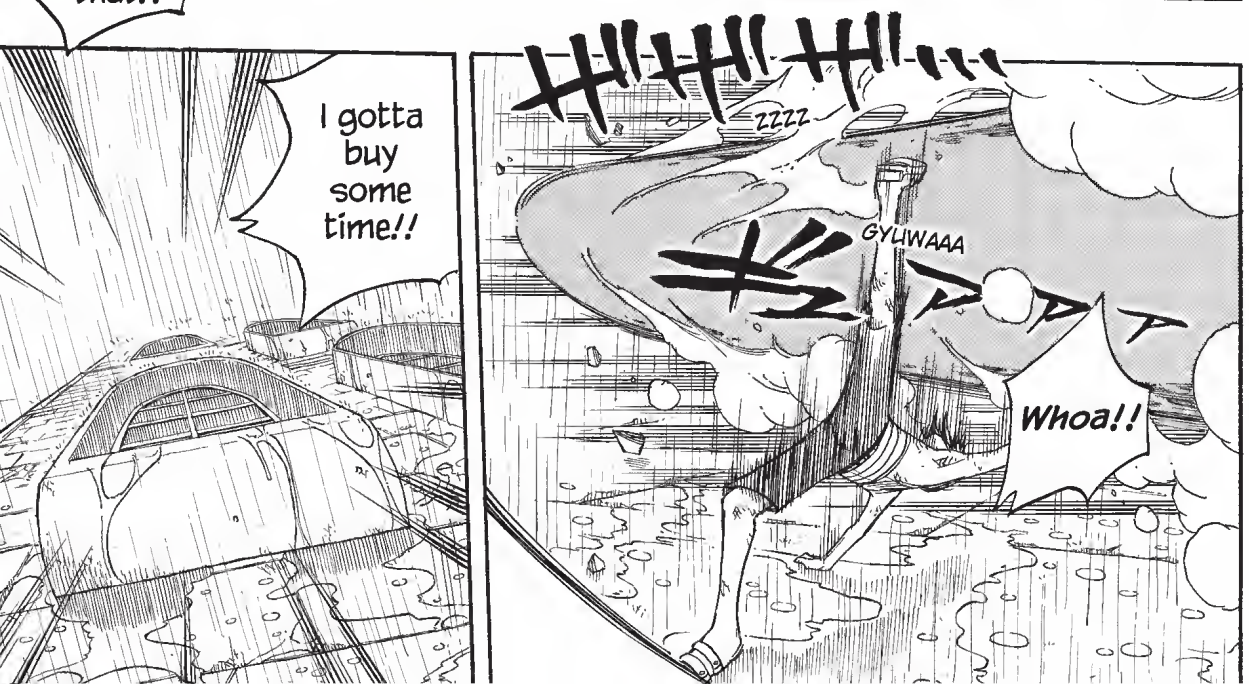
Juvia cannot accept!!!
Juvia cannot allow Lucy to live!!!!
GRR
GRR
GRR
GRR
OOOOOO


SHH
Oww!
Boiling water?!


Tsk!
ZABWAAAAA
Shera !!!!
WHOOSH


ZAT!
Ice ma—


She's fast!!!
My maker magic can't keep up with that!!
ZABAAAA

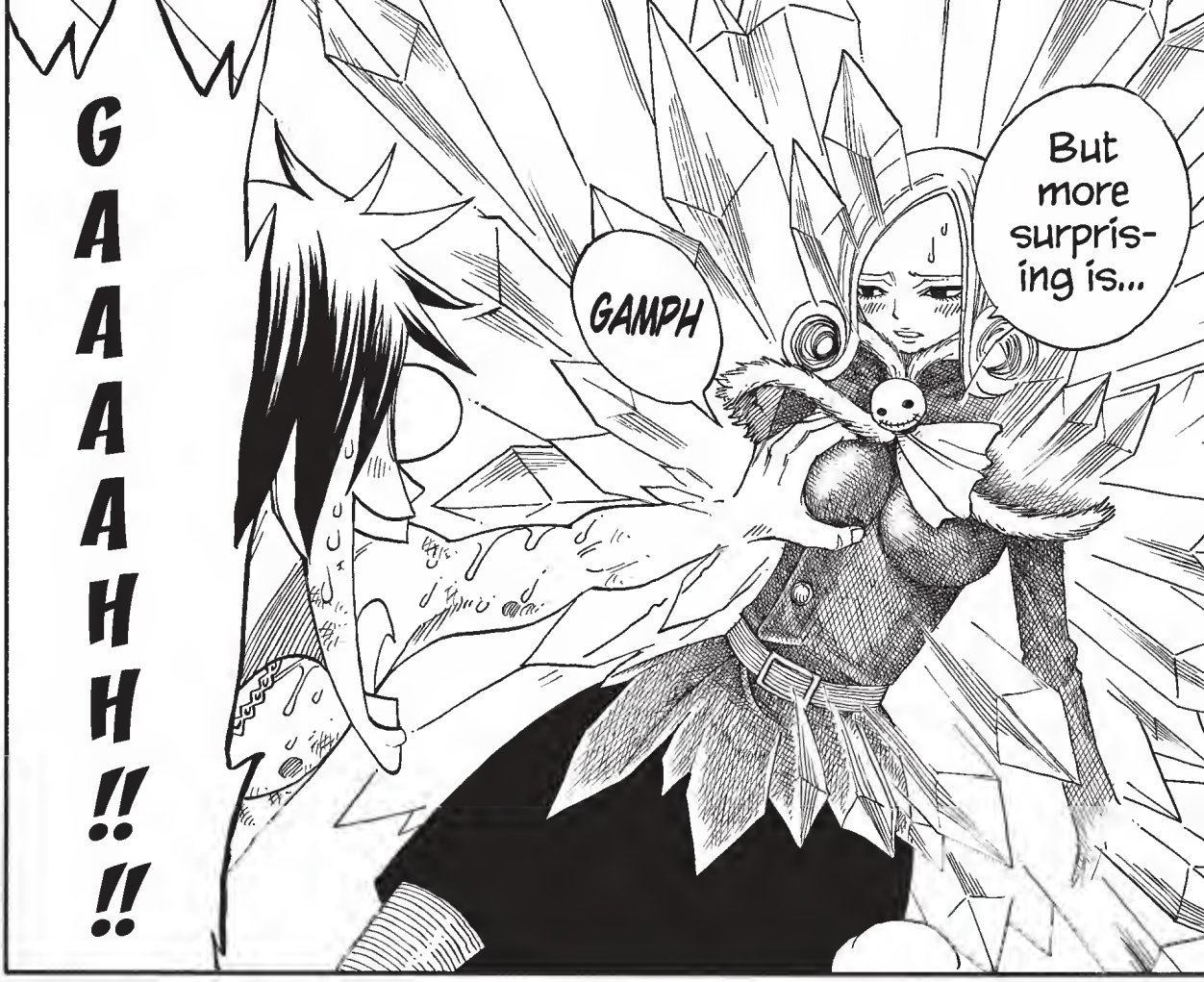

I gotta buy some time!!
ZZZZ
GYUWAAA
Whoa!!

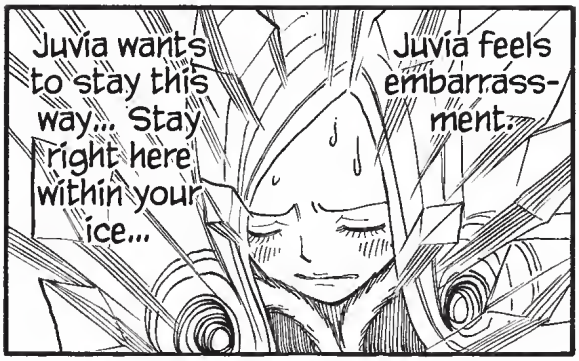
Ice make...
DMP
GUUSSHH
shield!!!!
ZUBWAAA
Gak...
You're kid-ding...
FSSSHH
FSSSHH

Juvia is boiling with hot jealousy!!!
What's that supposed to mean?!!
どろろお...
DRRIPP
ZUSH
ZUSH
ZUSH
Gwaaahhh !!!!
BWASH
SHHHUSH
SHHHUSH
SHHHUSH
SHHHUSH
Kh!!
It's burning my skin...
It's so hot...

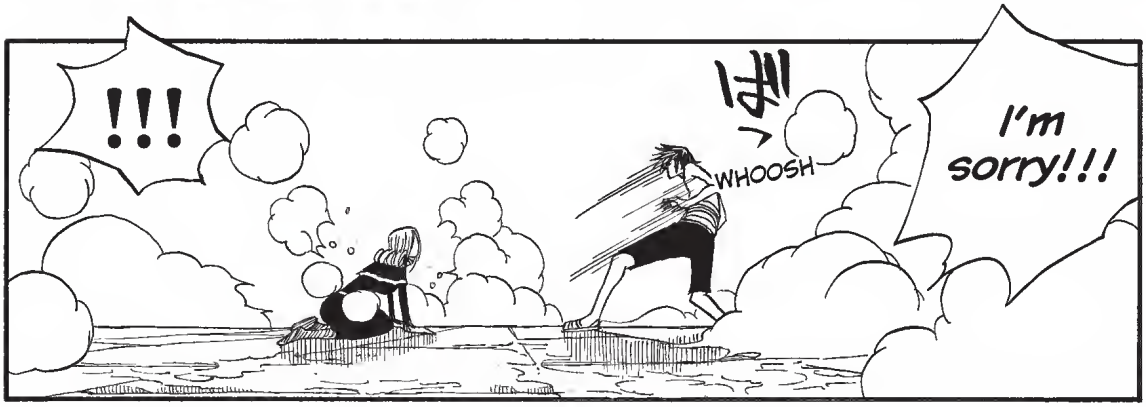
ZLLLLSSH
BLUB
Glub!
BLUB
BLUB
I've had it with her!!!
I don't care where, I just want to freeze some part of her!!
BOOM
SHUWAA
!!!

Now, freeze !!!!
KACHIK
KACHIK
KACHIK
CRAKK
CRAKK
CRAKK
WHUD
CHIK
CHIK
Heh!
No one could ever freeze Juvia's boiling water...
I-It cannot be possible...


GAAAAAHH!!!!
GAMPH
But more surpris-ing is...


Juvia wants to stay this way... Stay right here within your ice...
Juvia feels embarrass-ment...

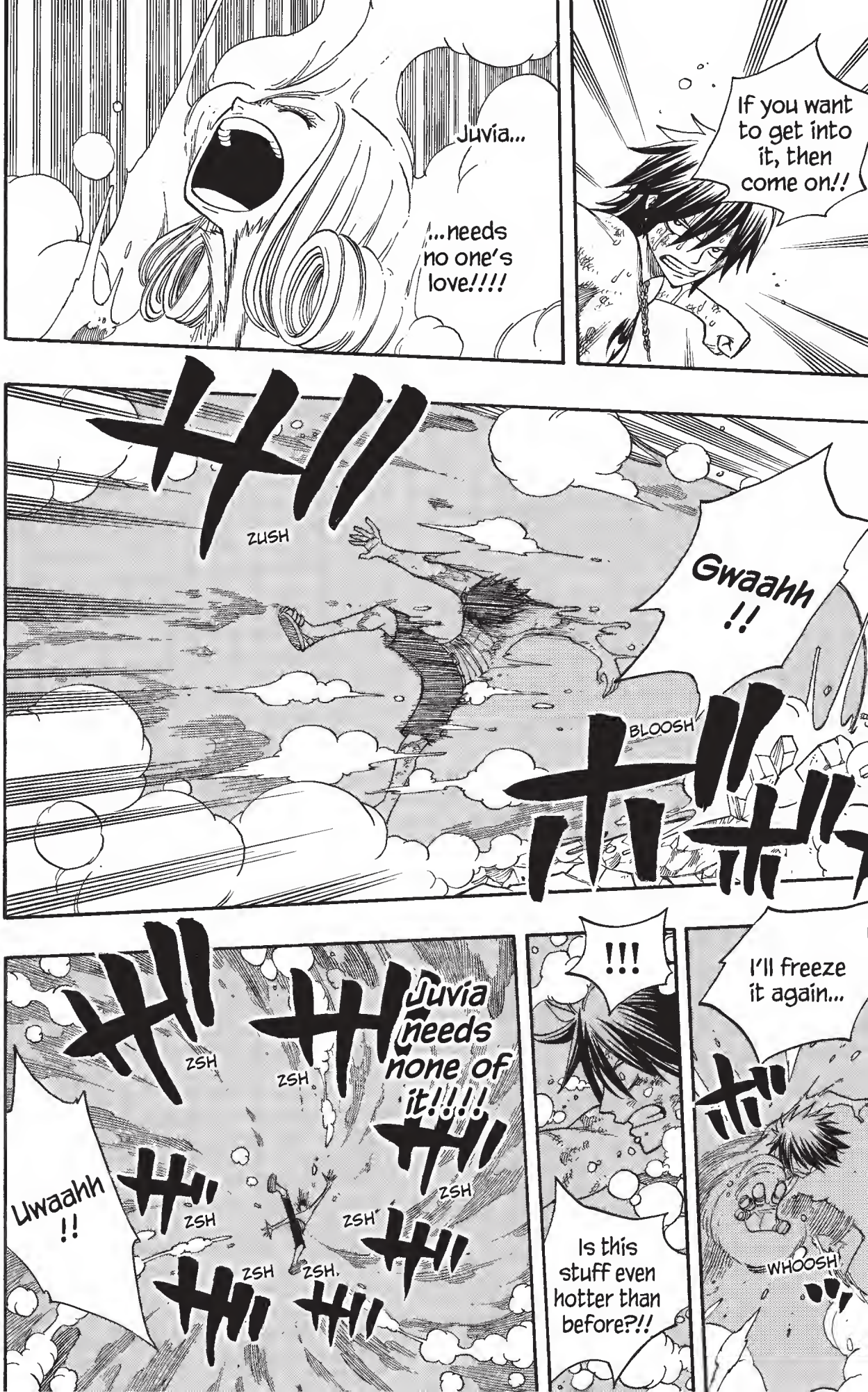
No... !!!
I didn't mean ...!!!

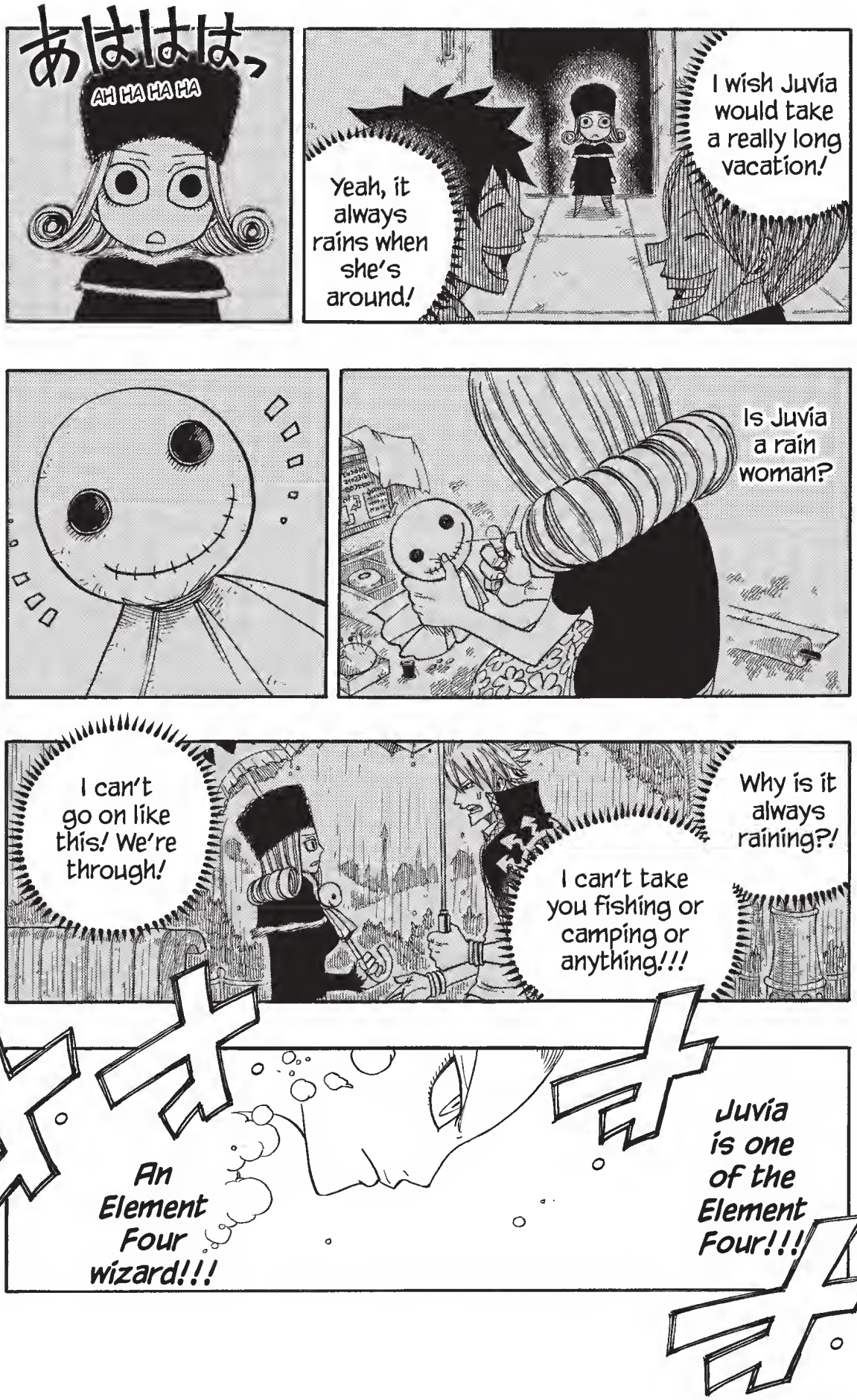

!!!
WHOOSH
I'm sorry!!!

He is simply too kind!!!
He released me from his ice?!
Why?!
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
!!!
L-Let's just start over, okay?!!
VUU
VUU
VUU
VUU
VUU
Juvia cannot cause you harm.
?!
No...
SHLFF

Juvia can protect you.
SSH
Juvia is stronger than Lucy.
SSH
SSH
When you say you "can't" cause me harm...
...you're admitting that you don't stand a chance of winning?
SSH
SSH
Huh?
SSH
J-Juvia means that...
Um...
SSH
SSH
SSH
Protect me?
Why would I need...?
Juvia is so frustrated!!
SHHHHHHH
Hey, isn't the rain coming down harder?
SHH
SHH
SHH
What Juvia is saying is that she...
...lo...
...lo...
SHHHHHH

SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
This rain is just so freakin' depressing!
...is the same as all of the rest...
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
This man...
Huh?!! What?!!
BOOOM
You're just the same, aren't you?!!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE


Juvia...
...needs no one's love!!!!
If you want to get into it, then come on!!
ZUSH
Gwaahh !!
BLOOSH
ZSH
ZSH
Juvia needs none of it!!!!
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
Uwaahh !!
!!!
Is this stuff even hotter than before?!!
I'll freeze it again...
WHOOSH!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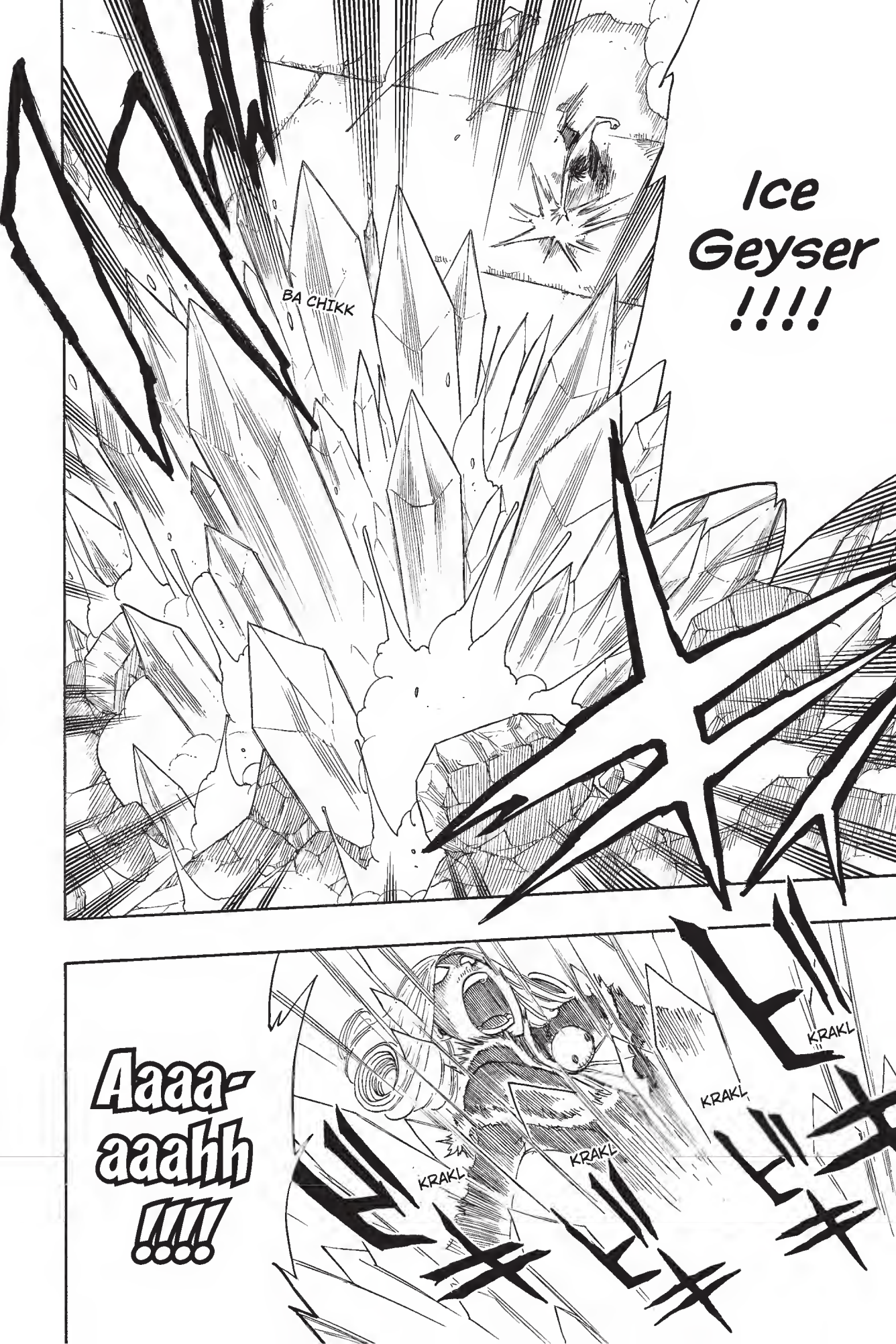
AH HA HA HA
I wish Juvia would take a really long vacation!
Yeah, it always rains when she's around!
Is Juvia a rain woman?
I can't go on like this! We're through!
Why is it always raining?!
I can't take you fishing or camping or anything!!!
An Element Four wizard!!!
Juvia is one of the Element Four!!!

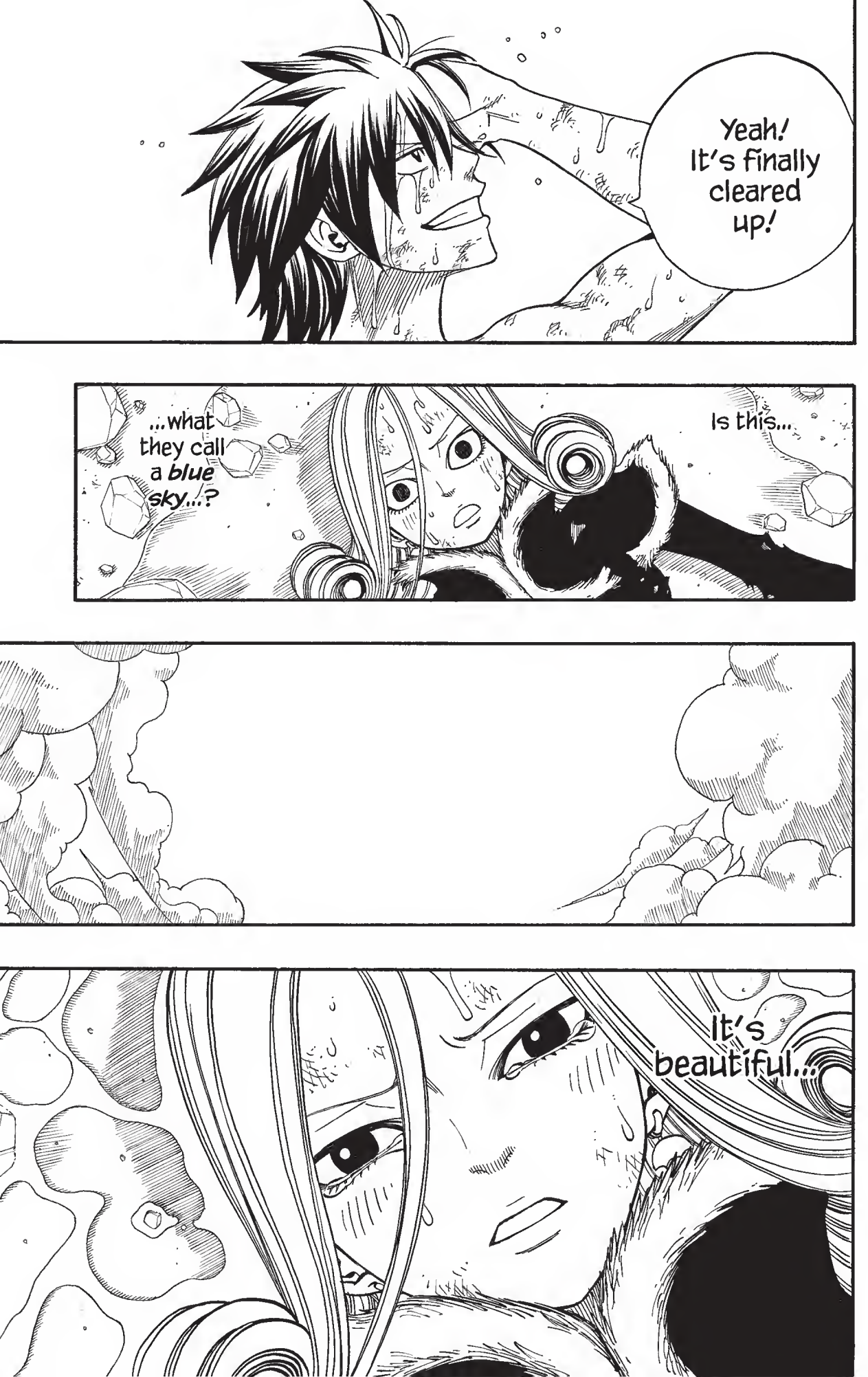
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
Gwaah !!
ZLLLUSSH
I am not going to lose!!!
Shera !!!!
BU
GMM
GMM
GMM
GMM
GMM
BACCHIKK
Not to any Phantom jerk!!!!

Hyaaa-
aahhh
!!!!
SHH
SHH
SHH
CHKK
CHKK
CHKK
HYUOOOO
He's even turning the rain to ice...?
What amazing magical power!!!

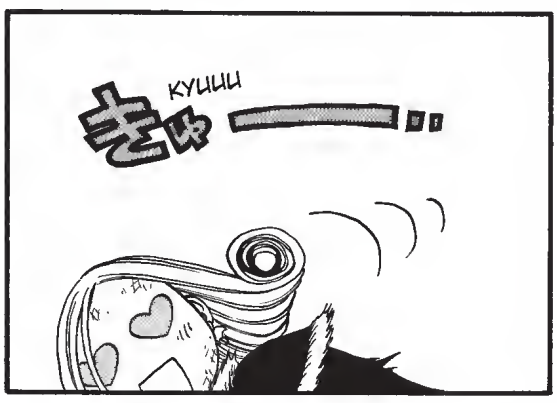

Ice Geyser !!!!
BA CHIKK
Aaaa-aaahh !!!!
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL

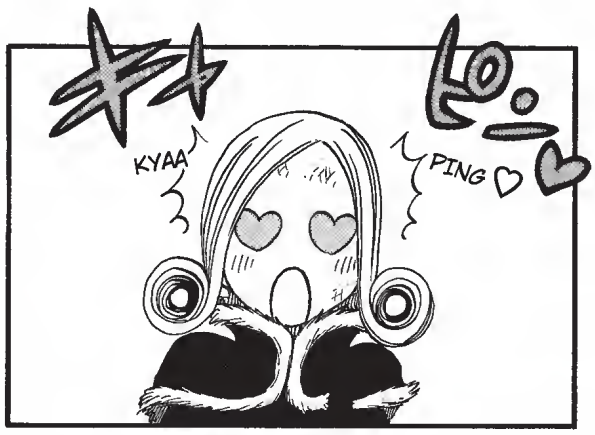
パキィィー
PACHIKKK
Could Juvia...
...have lost?!
WHUD
What's that...?
Well, has that cooled your temper a little?

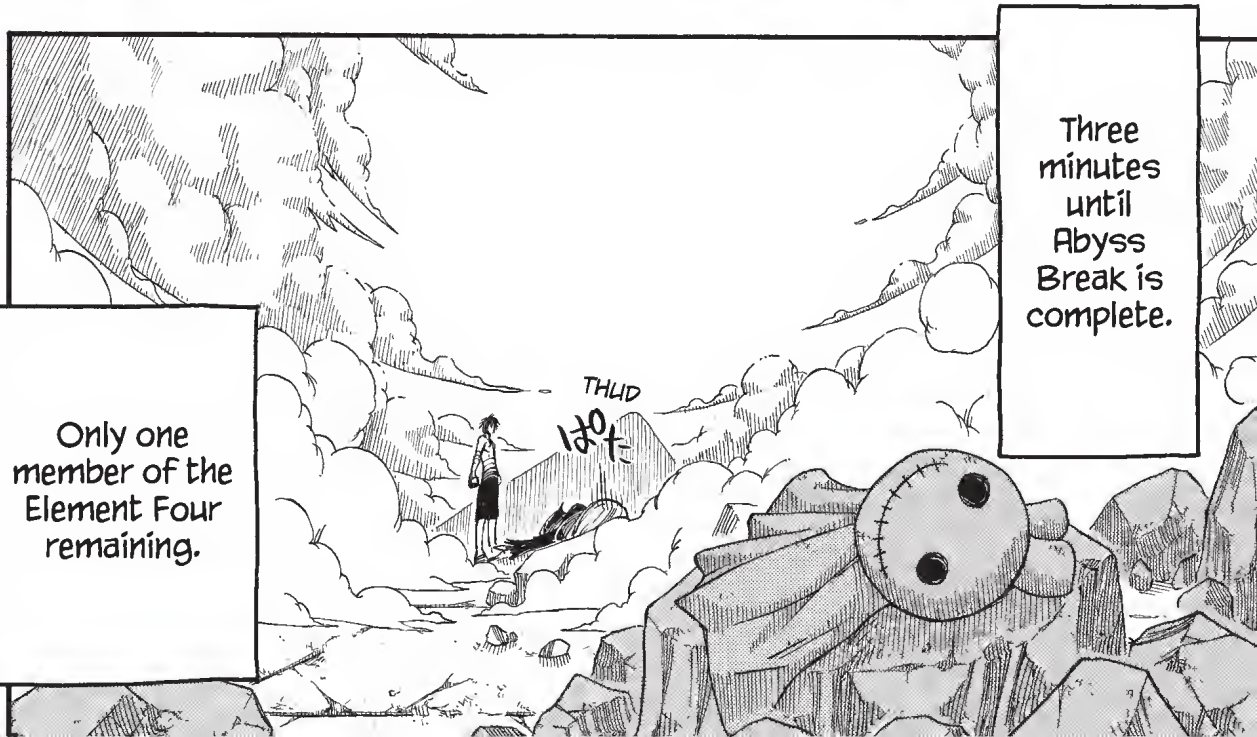
The rain...
...has stopped...


Yeah! It's finally cleared up!
...what they call a *blue sky*...?
Is this...
It's beautiful...

Well...?
You want to go another round with me?


KYUUU


KYAA
PING


Three minutes until Abyss Break is complete.
THUD
Only one member of the Element Four remaining.

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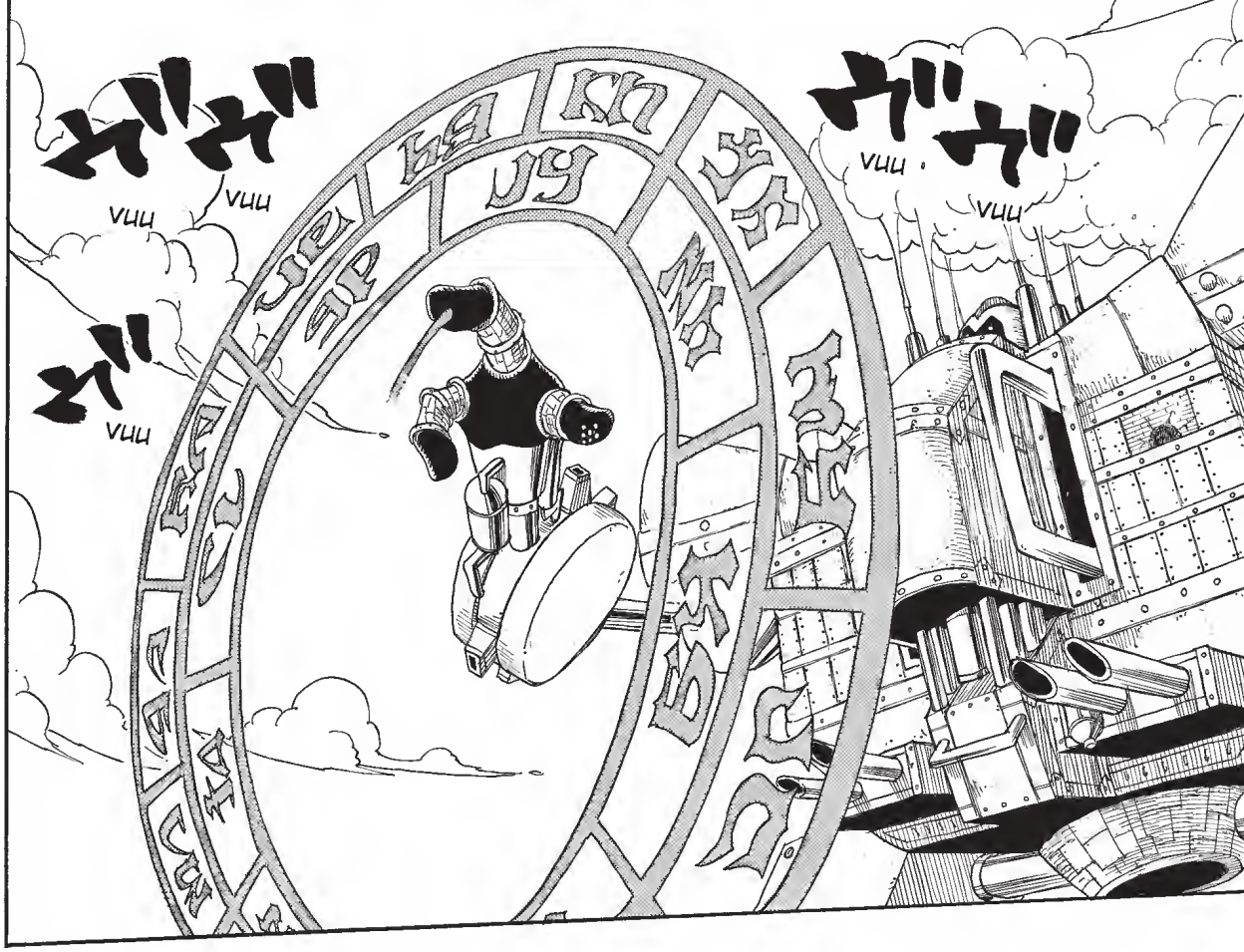
Chapter 58: There Is Always Someone Better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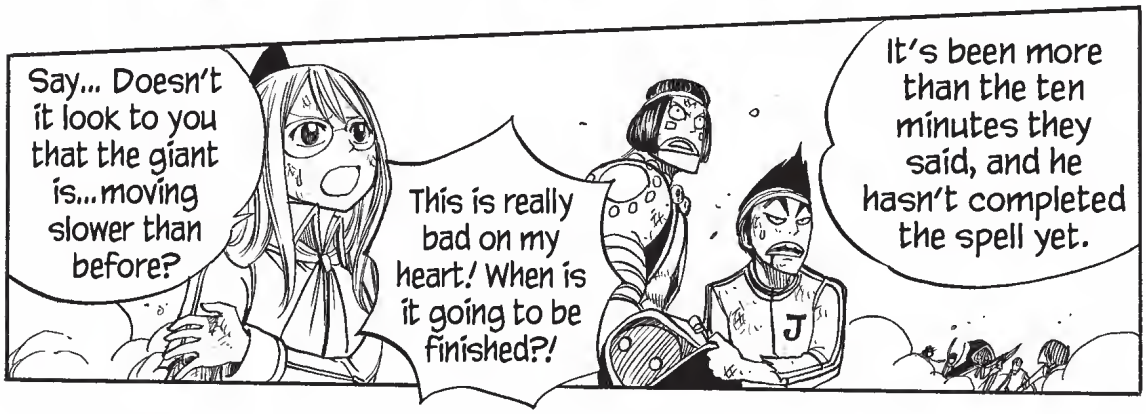
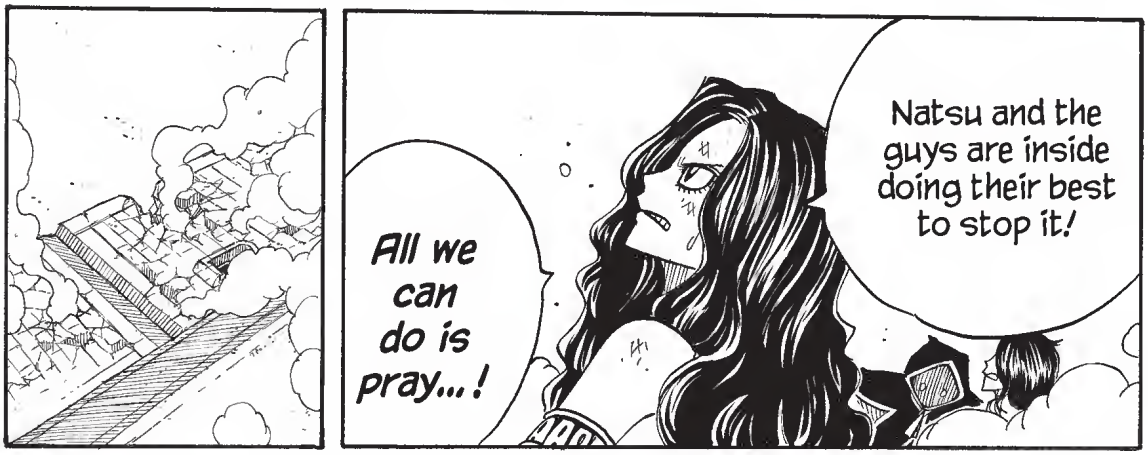
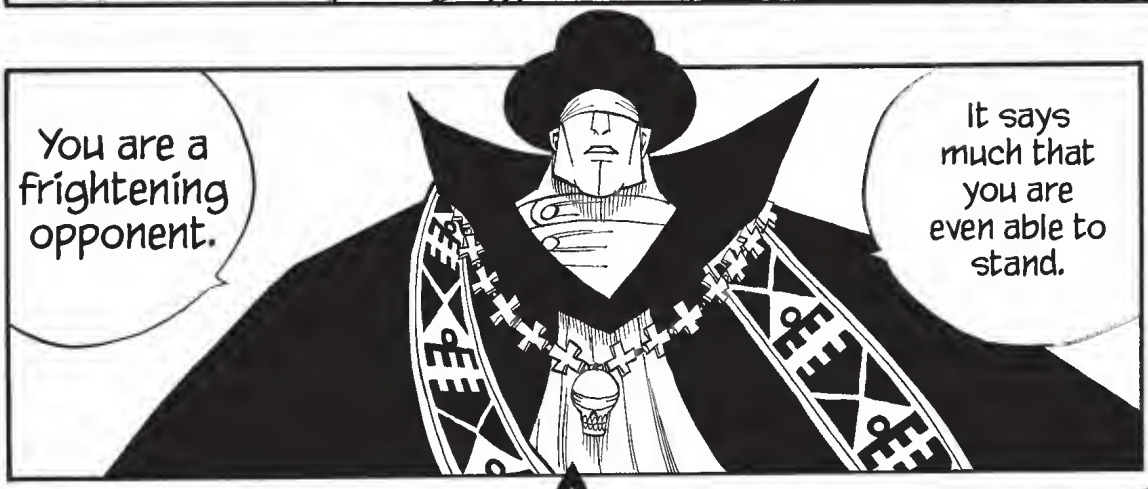
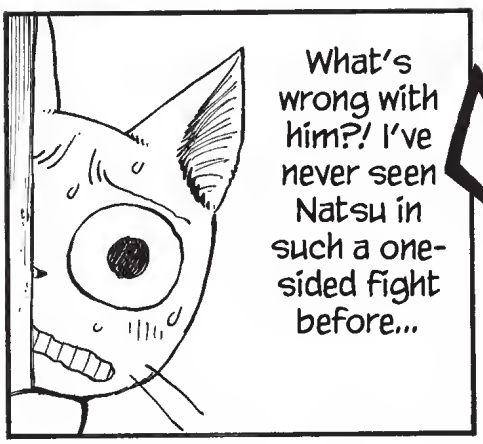

Say... Doesn't it look to you that the giant is...moving slower than before?
This is really bad on my heart! When is it going to be finished?!
It's been more than the ten minutes they said, and he hasn't completed the spell yet.

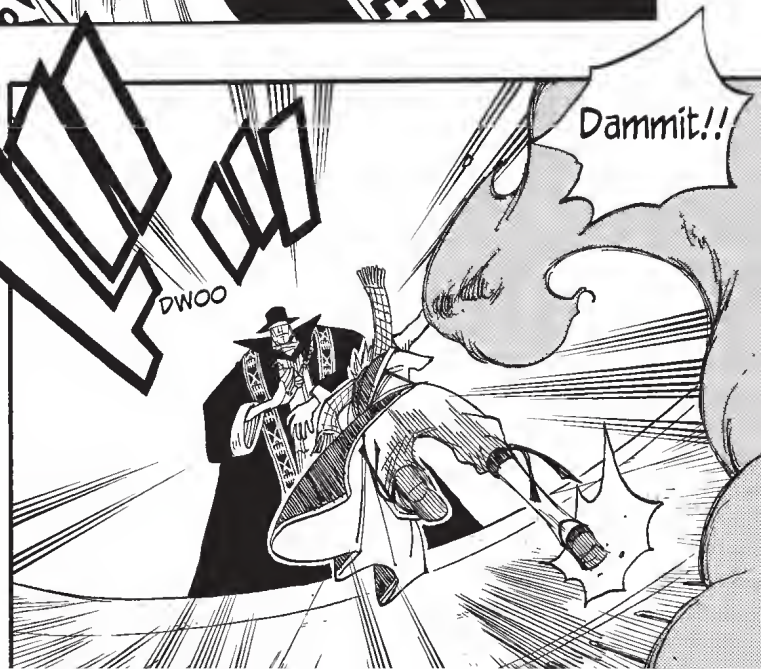

All we can do is pray...!
Natsu and the guys are inside doing their best to stop it!

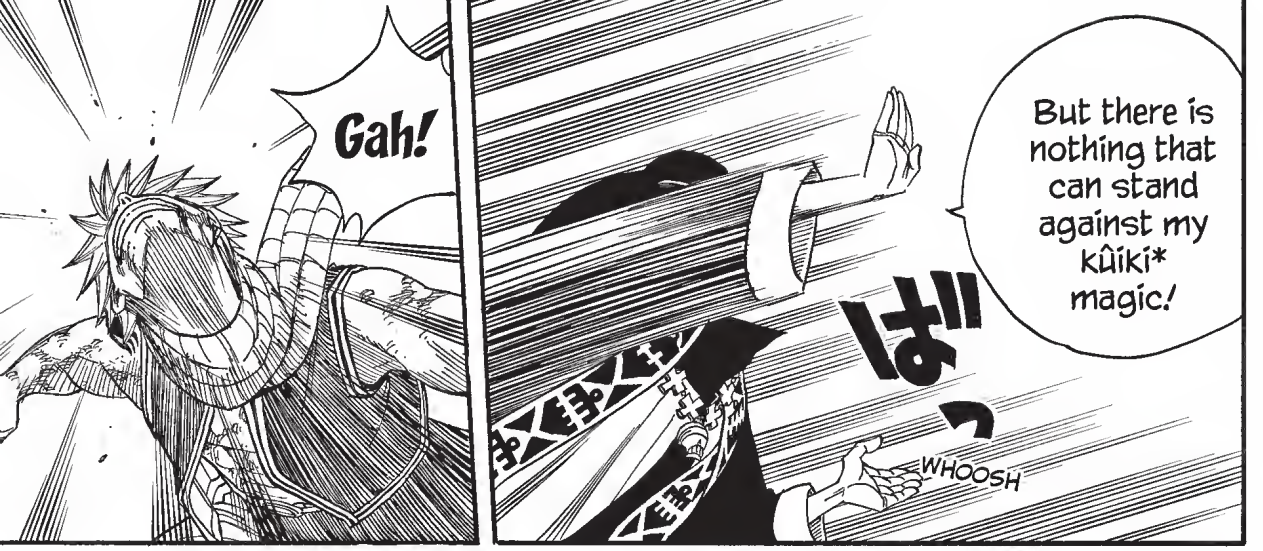
Huh? What's Mira-chan doing here...
Elfman?
Gray!!!
All we need to do is defeat one more, and we can stop the Abyss Break!
?!
Only one left!
The giant gets magic energy to move from the Element Four.
For some reason she's passed out with a happy smile on her face...
Was she the third member of the Element Four?!
We can do this!!!
We still have some time!!!

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

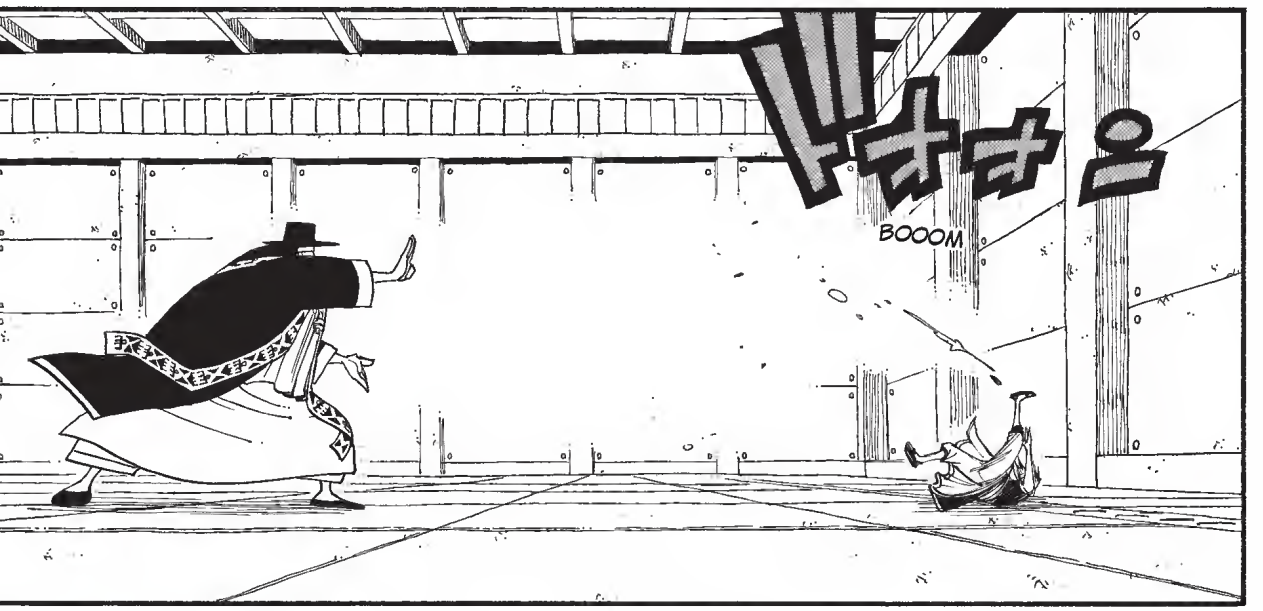

You are a frightening opponent.
It says much that you are even able to stand.

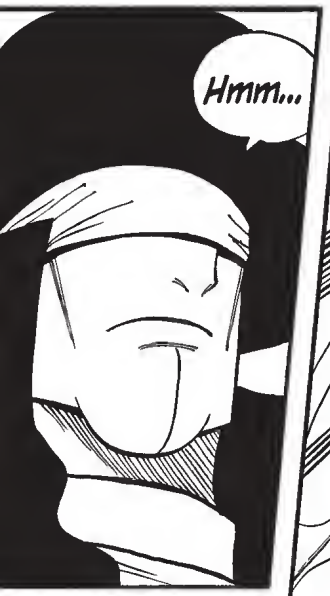

What's wrong with him?! I've never seen Natsu in such a one-sided fight before...


DWOO
Dammit!!


Gah!
But there is nothing that can stand against my kûiki* magic!
WHOOSH

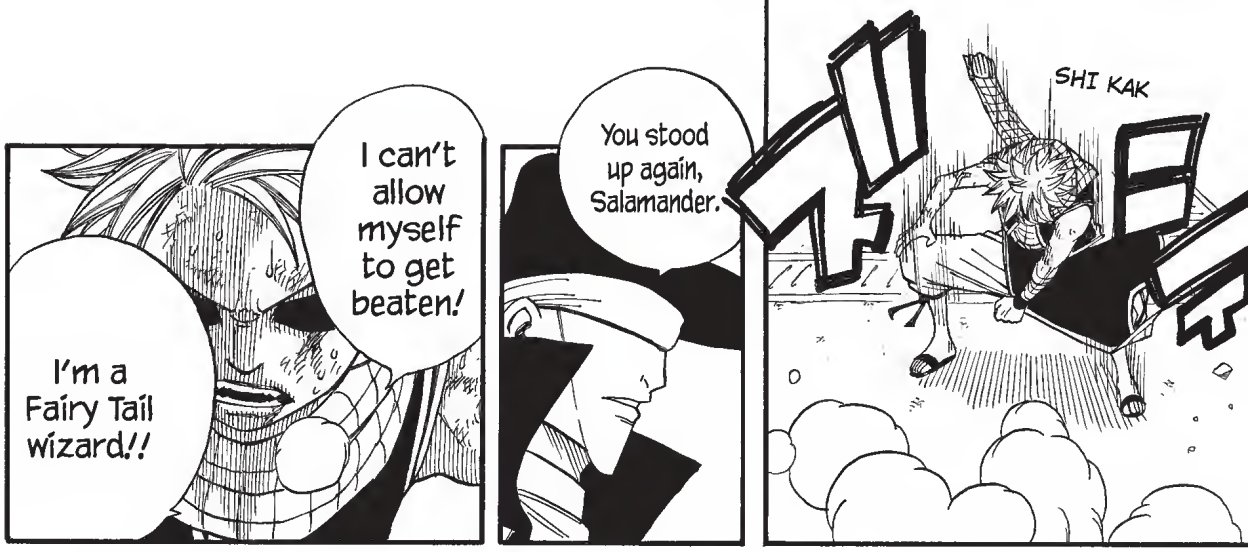
*Open Air

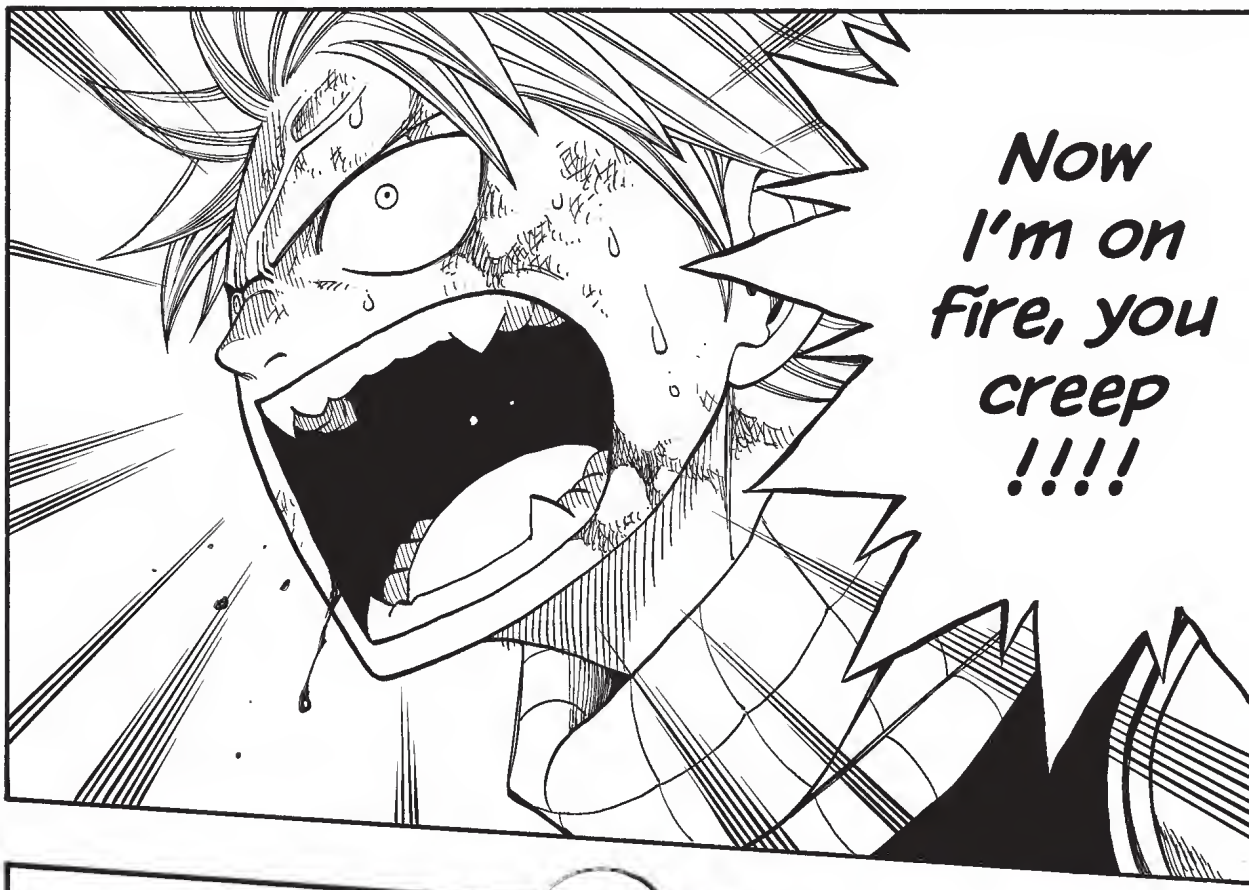

BOOOM

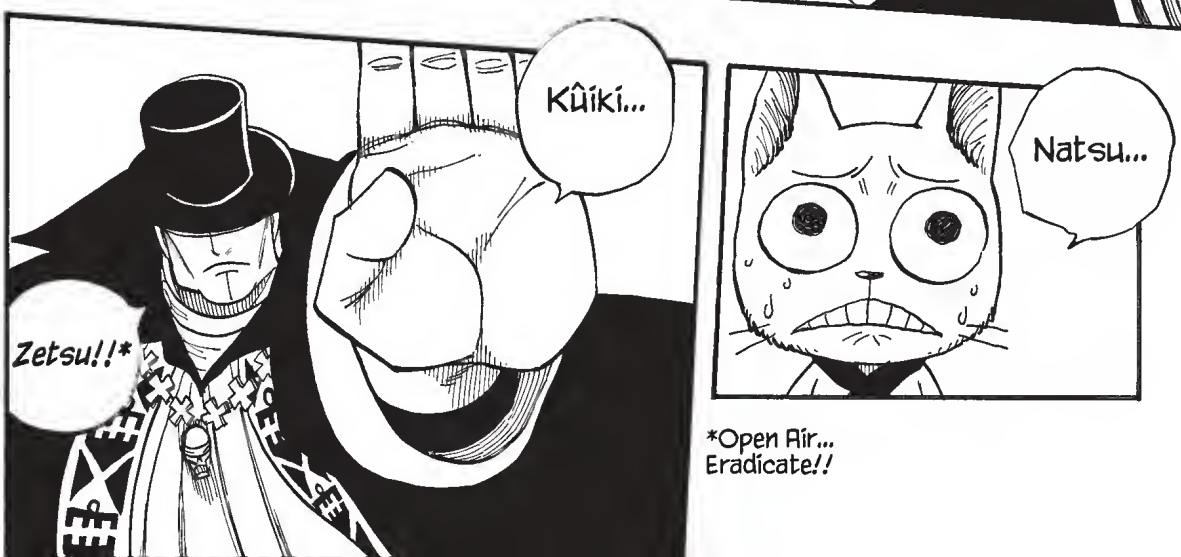

Hmm...

SHHHFF

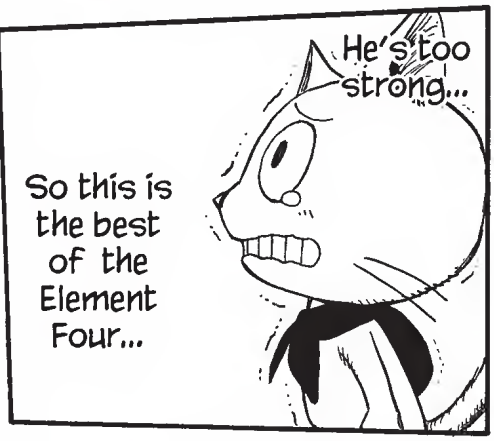
How can anyone beat it?!
You can't even see his magic!



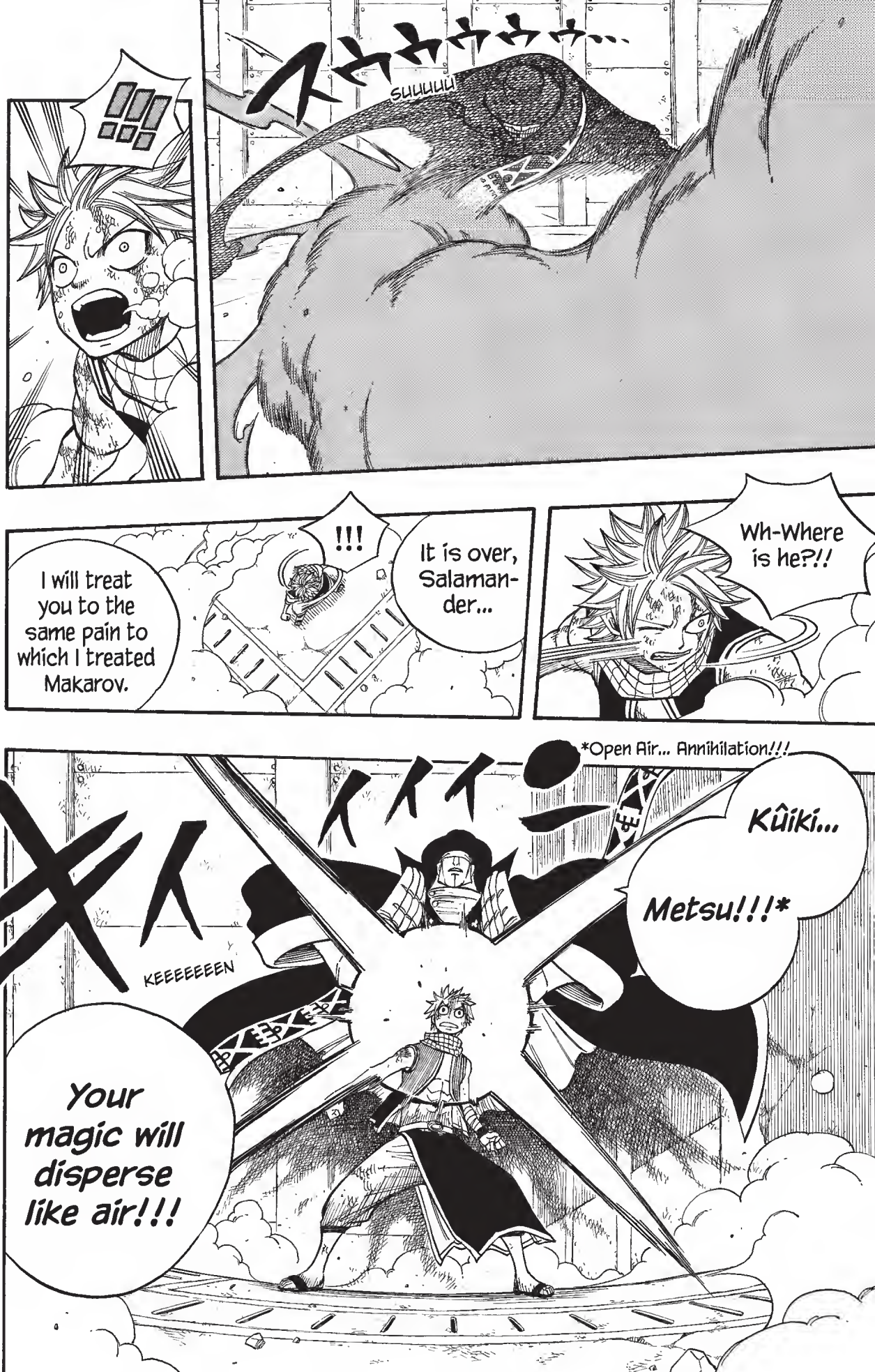




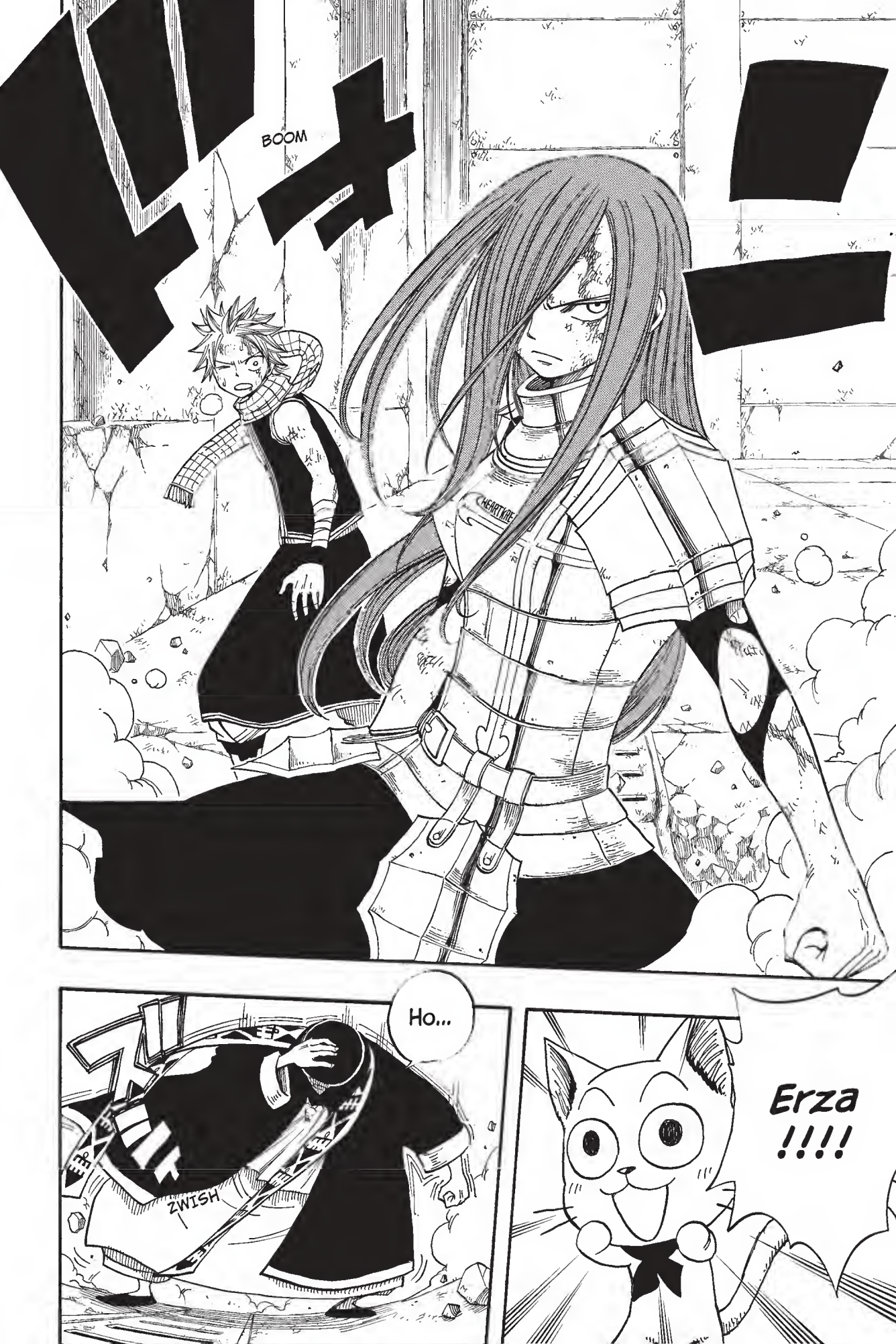
*Open Air... Eradicate!!

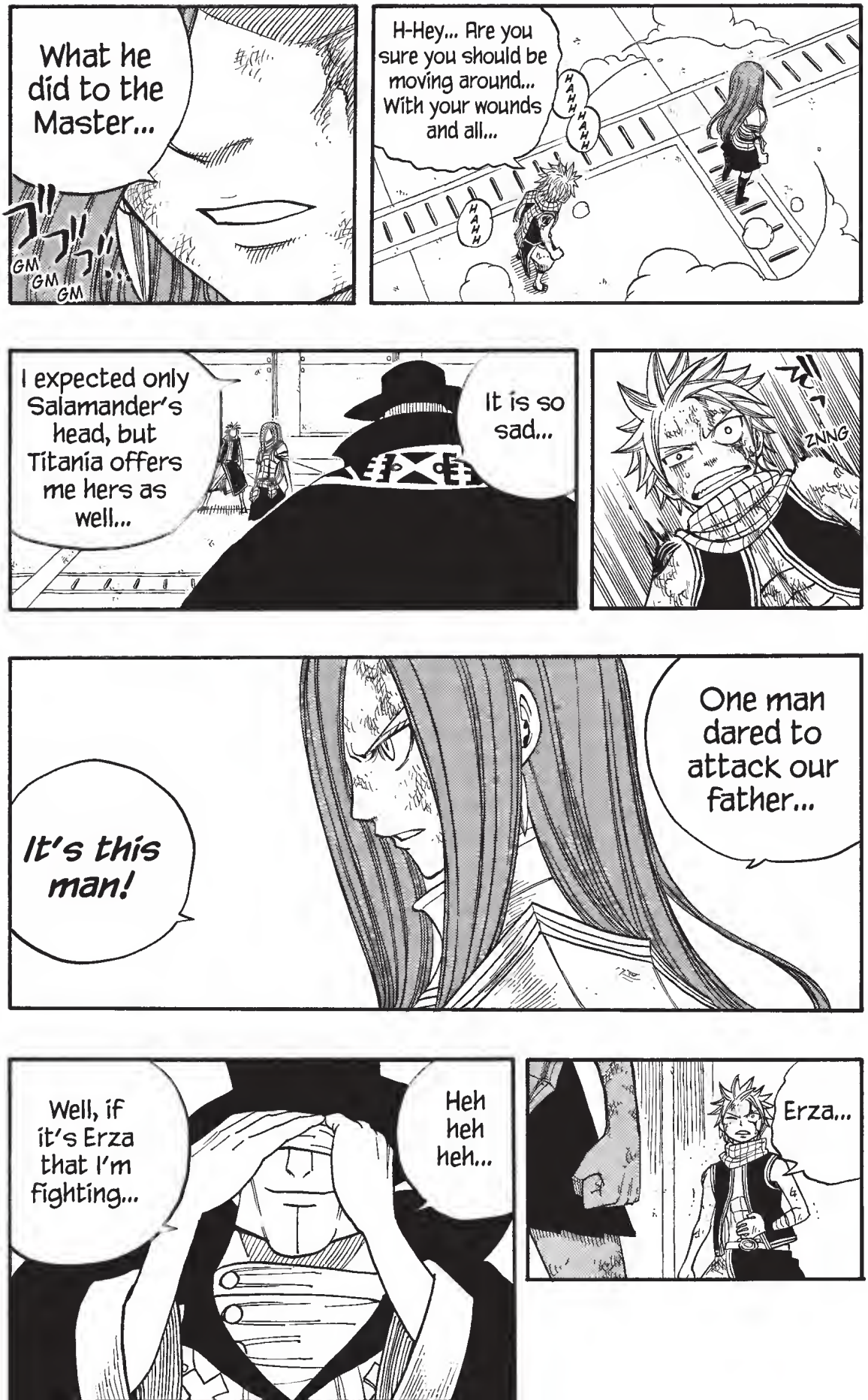


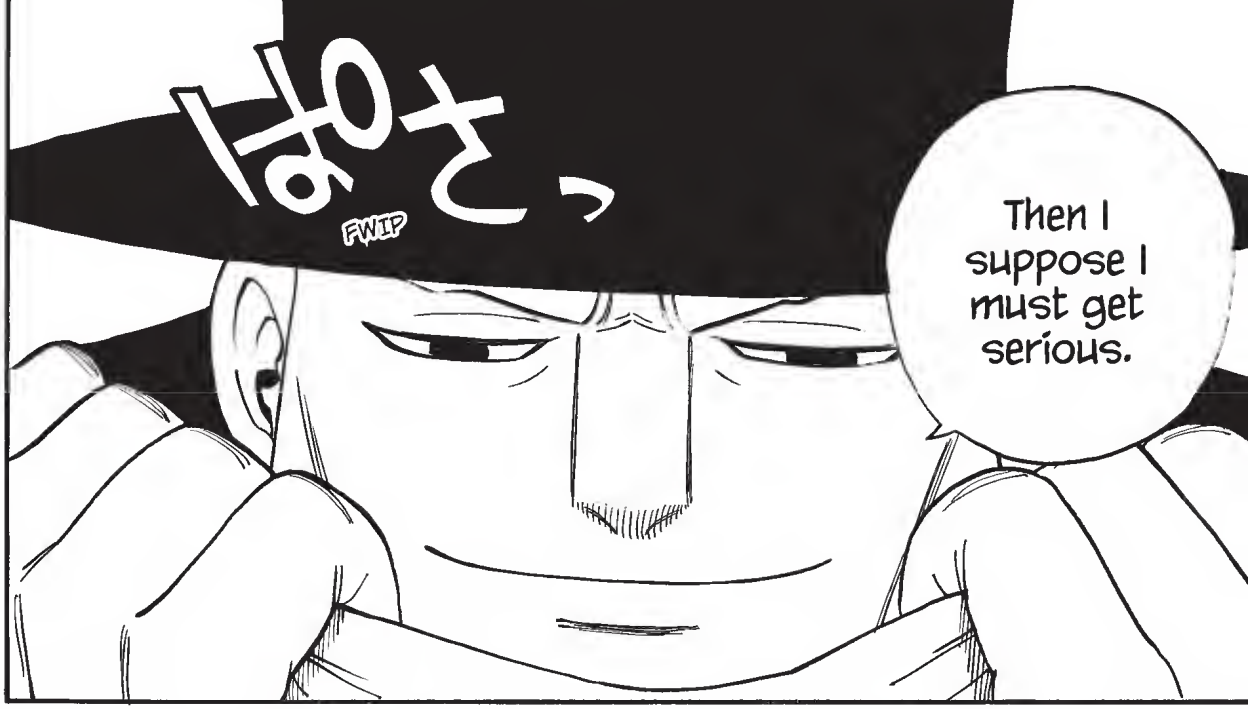
*Fire Dragon's Roar!!!!

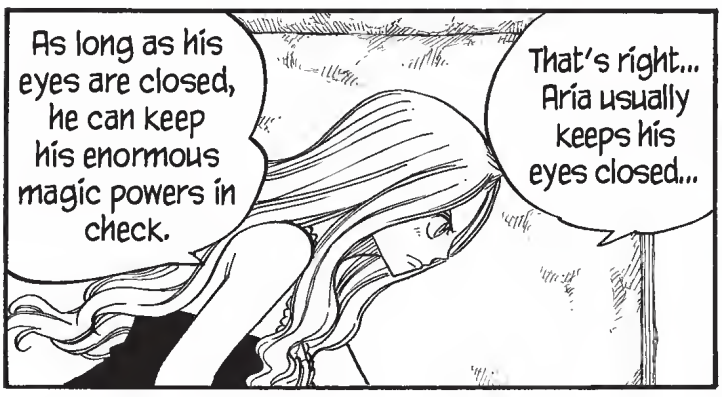

!!!
SUUUUU
Wh-Where is he?!!
!!!
It is over, Salamander...
I will treat you to the same pain to which I treated Makarov.
*Open Air... Annihilation!!!
Kûiki...
Metsu!!!*
KEEEEEEEN
Your magic will disperse like air!!!

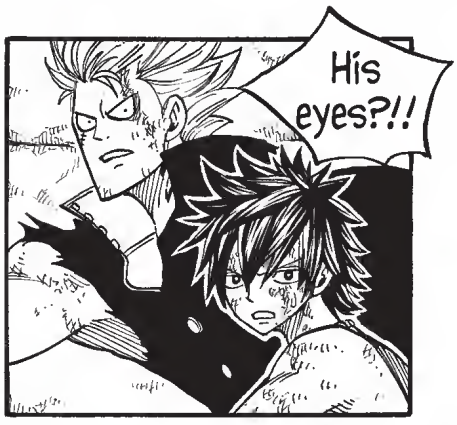
Oh no...
SHIVER
Natsu...!!!
Uu... aaa...
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
Gaah...
!!!
WHAM
Huh?!
WOBBLE

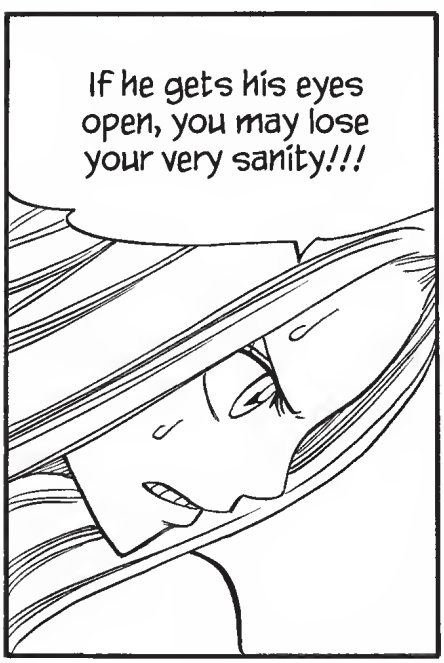

BOOM
HEARTKRE
Ho...
ZWISH
Erza !!!!

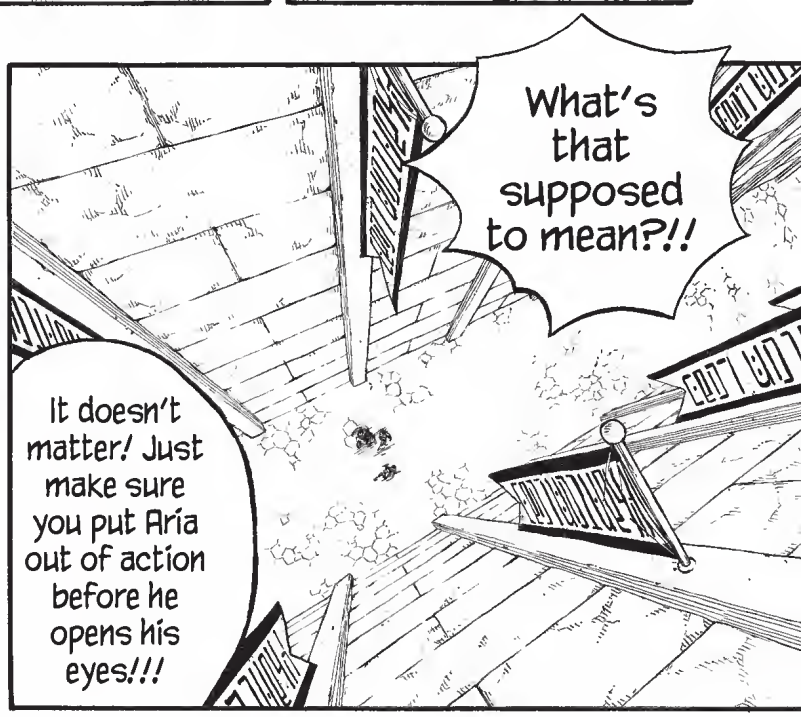

What he did to the Master...
GM GM GM
H-Hey... Are you sure you should be moving around... With your wounds and all...
HAHH HAHH
HAHH
I expected only Salamander's head, but Titania offers me hers as well...
It is so sad...
ZNNG
One man dared to attack our father...
It's this man!
Erza...
Heh heh heh...
Well, if it's Erza that I'm fighting...

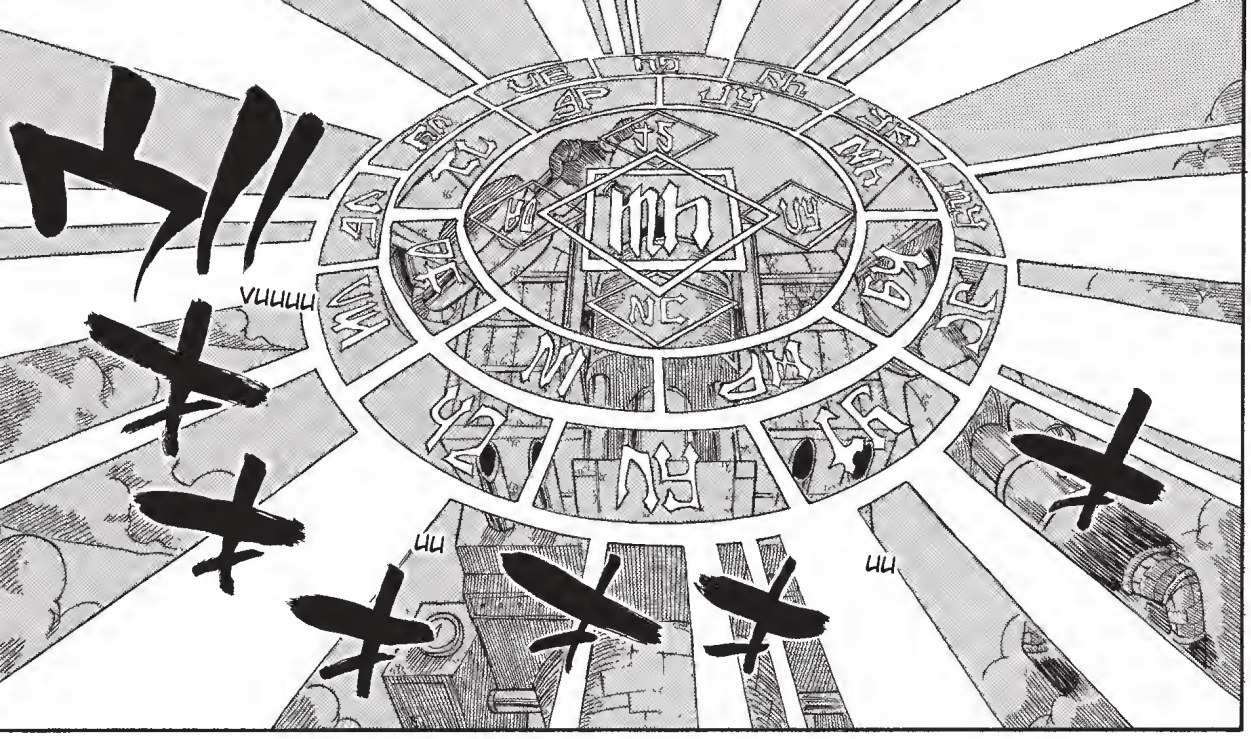

はらっ
FWIP
Then I suppose I must get serious.


As long as his eyes are closed, he can keep his enormous magic powers in check.
That's right... Aria usually keeps his eyes closed...


His eyes?!!


If he gets his eyes open, you may lose your very sanity!!!


What's that supposed to mean?!!
It doesn't matter! Just make sure you put Aria out of action before he opens his eyes!!!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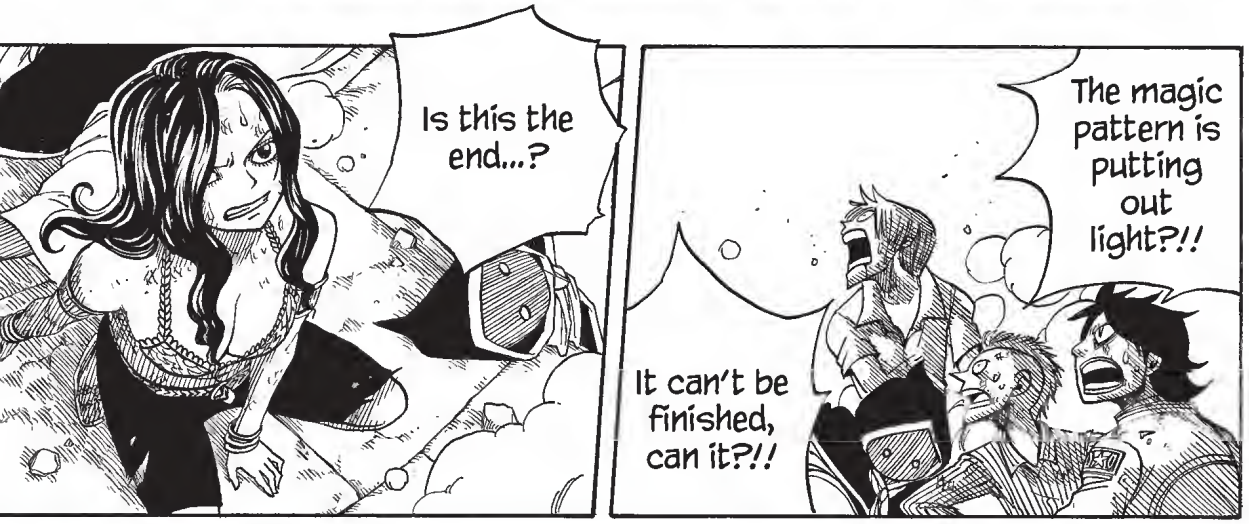
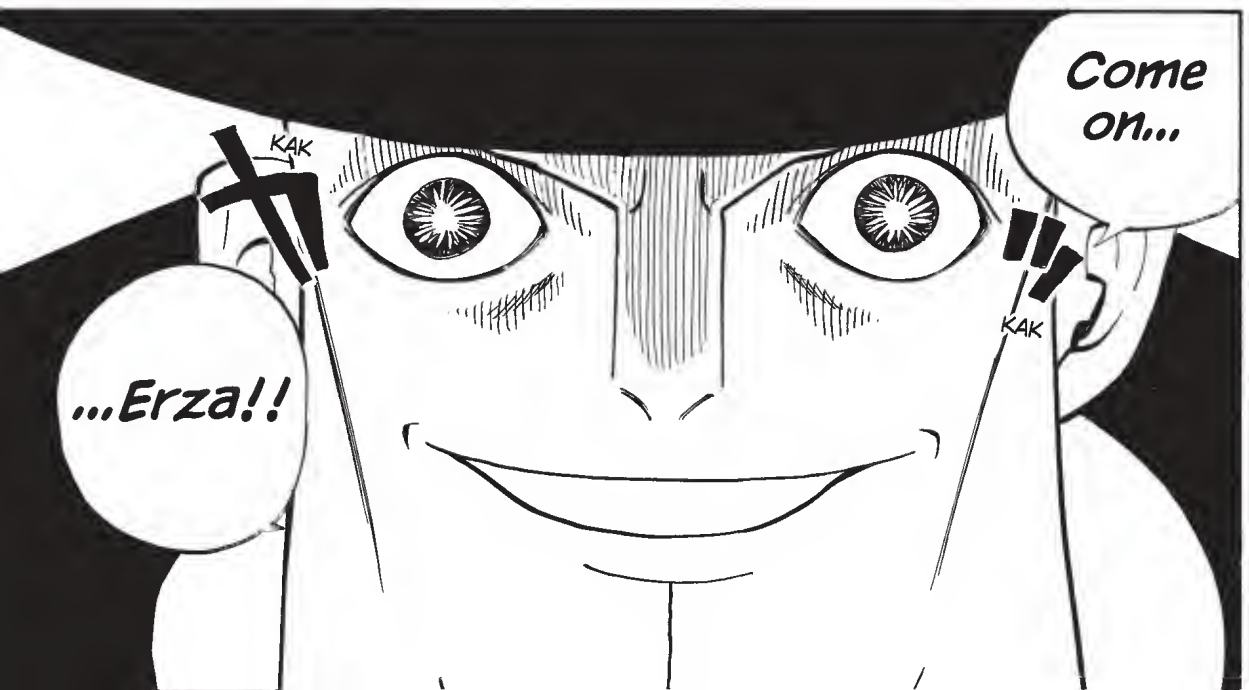
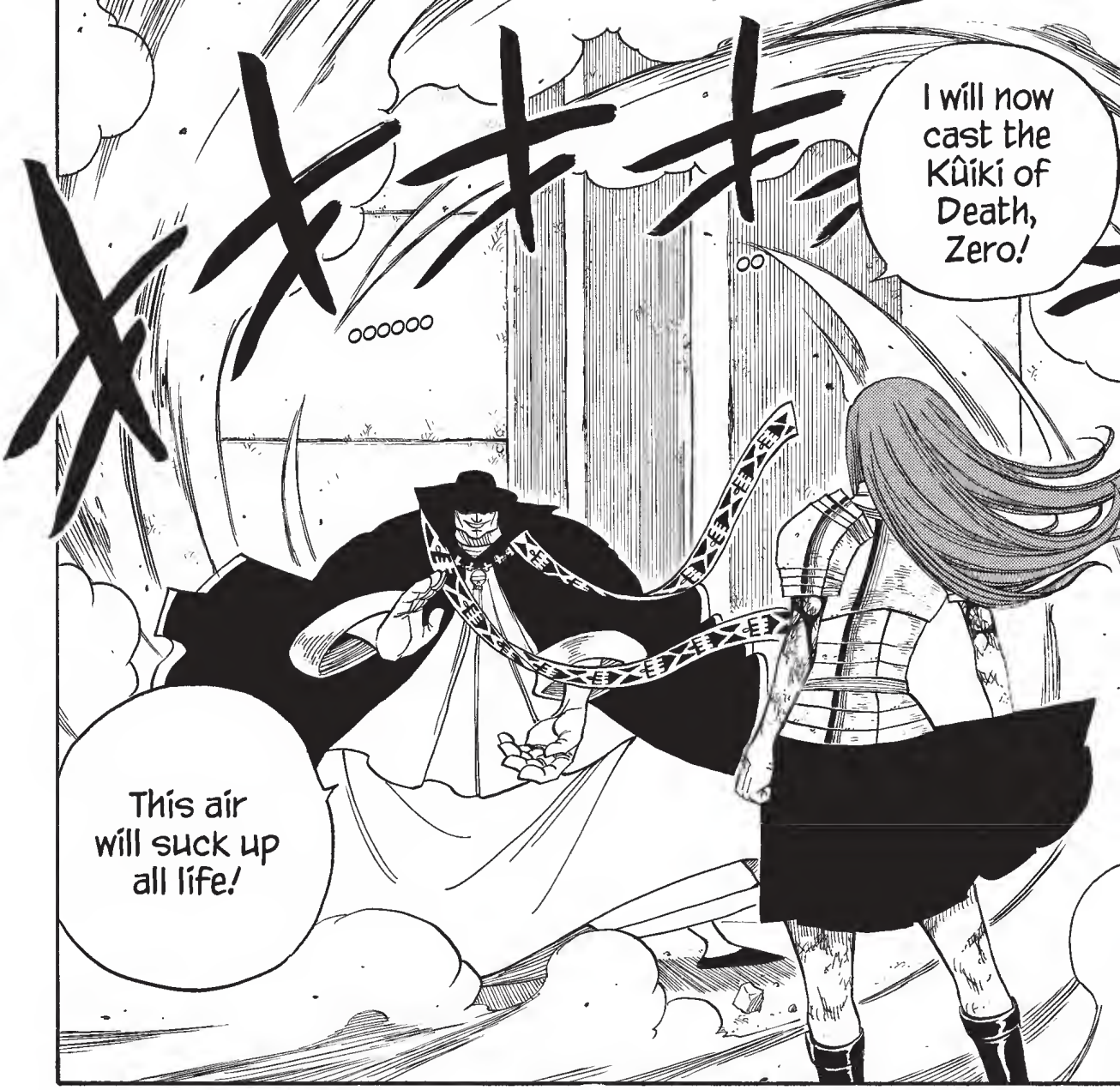
UU
UU


Is this the end...?
The magic pattern is putting out light?!!
It can't be finished, can it?!!


KAK
Come on...
...Erza!!
KAK

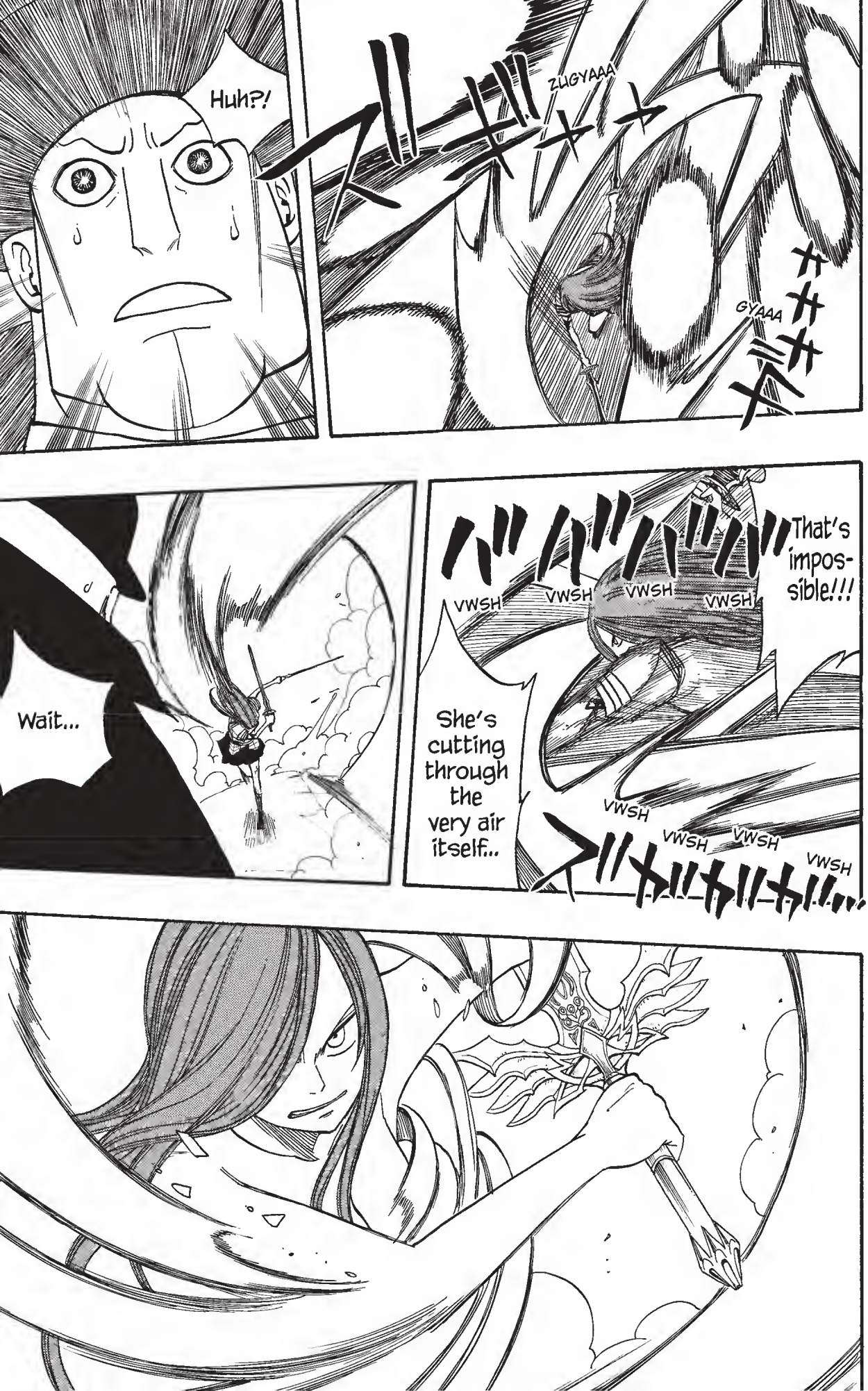

I will now cast the Kûiki of Death, Zero!
This air will suck up all life!

Magic that sucks life, you say...?

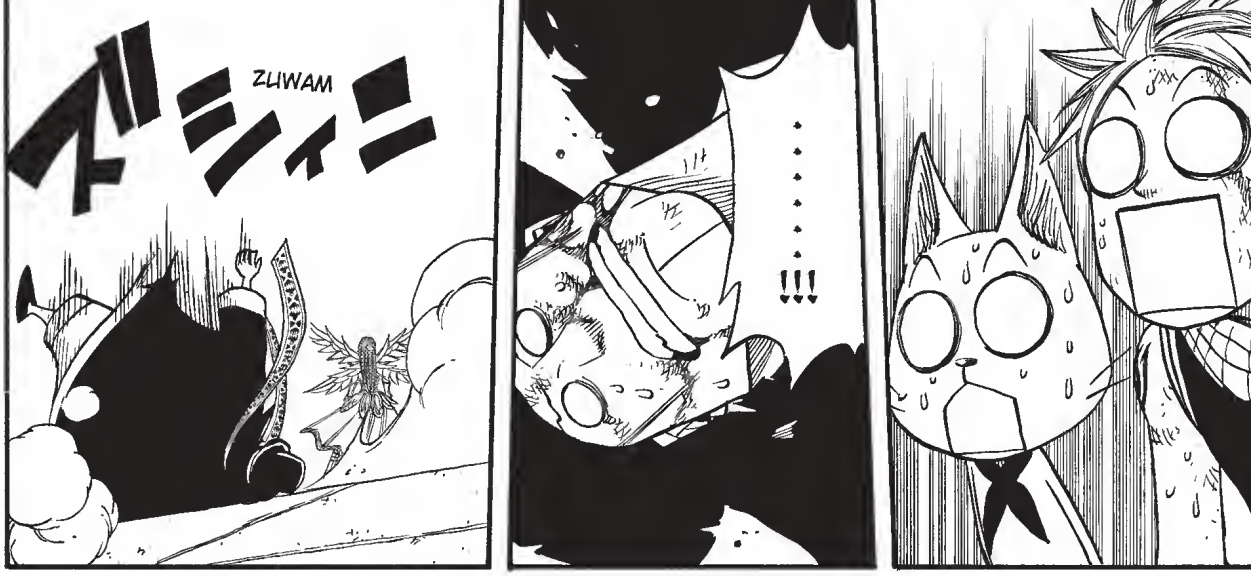
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
Uwaaahhh!!!

Now the fun begins!
What makes it so easy for you cretins to steal people's lives?!!!!

BOOOOM
Let's see if you can withstand this kind of kûiki!!
ㅂㅂㅂ
ooo
Erza!!!
GRN
GRN
GRN GRN
GRN


Huh?!
ZUGYAAA
GYAAA
Wait...
VWSH
VWSH
VWSH
VWSH
That's impossible!!!
She's cutting through the very air itself...
VWSH
VWSH
VWSH
VWSH

ZUKAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK
Gawhaah!!
Tenrin Blumenbrat !!!!*
(*Wheel of Heaven: Scattered Petals!!!!


ズミィニ
ZUWAM
.....
!!!

The Master should never have been taken down by an amateur like you!!
Go and erase your name from the annals of heroes right now!!!

FAIRY TAIL

Remarks

A wizard who specializes in sand magic. He loves to talk to people, and he usually can be found anyplace where people like to gather. Actually, he can't hold his liquor very well, but he tends to go with the flow and always drinks too much. Every time, he regrets it the next day. As a reaction to his generally friendless childhood, he spends as much time as he can in conversation, but nobody knows of his past.

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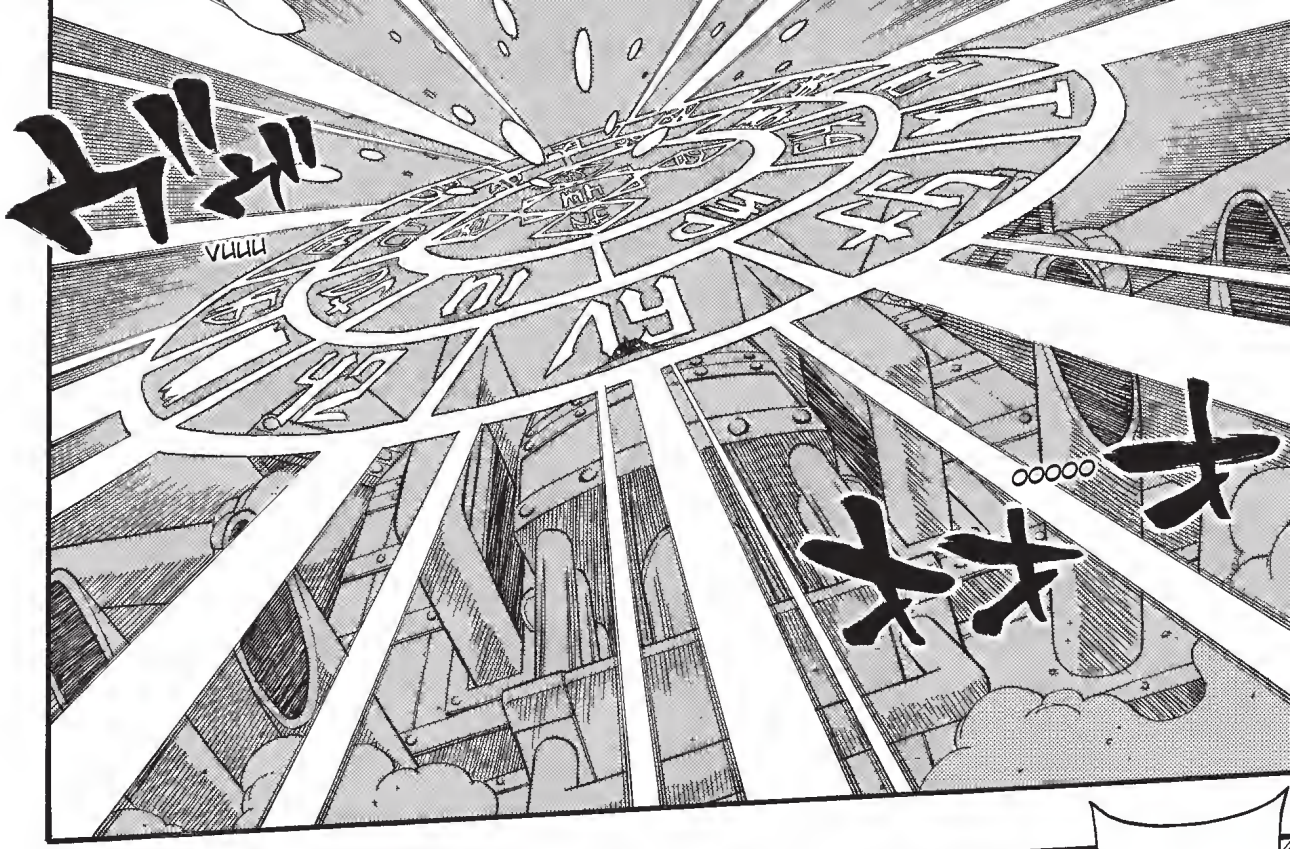
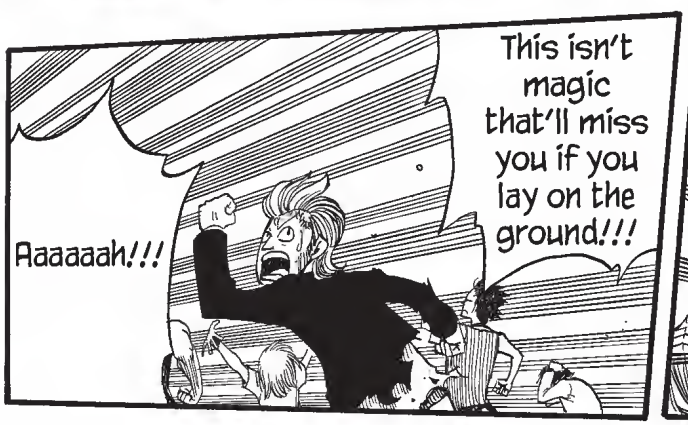
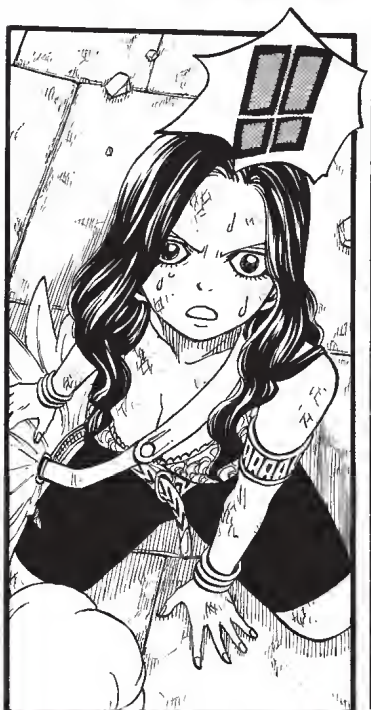
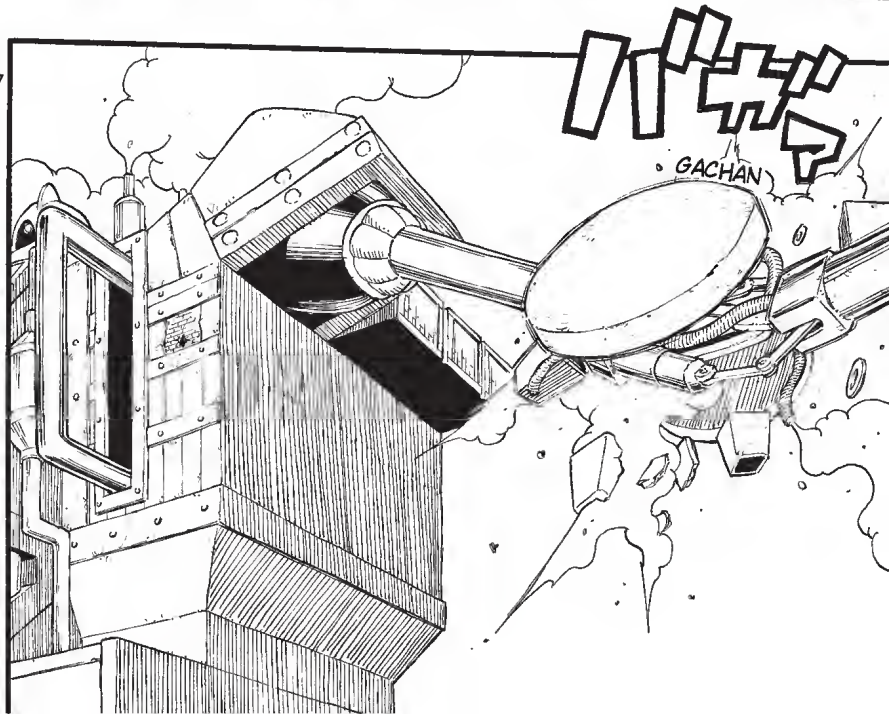

VUUU
OOOOO


Aaaaaah!!!
This isn't magic that'll miss you if you lay on the ground!!!

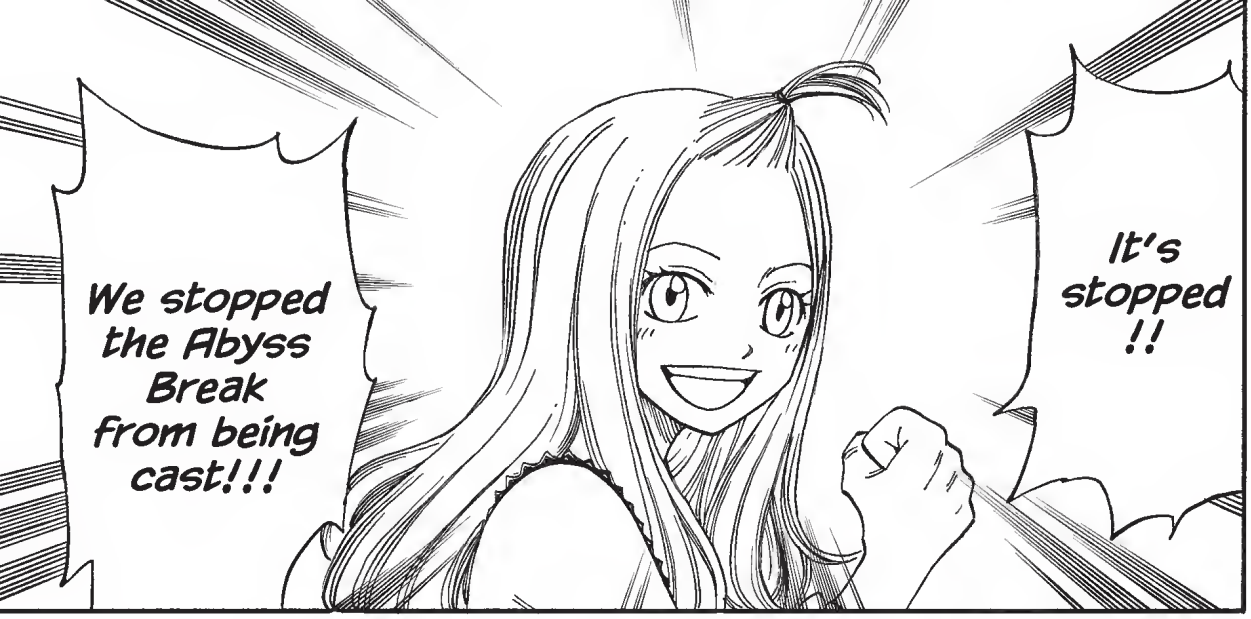
Everybody, get down!!!

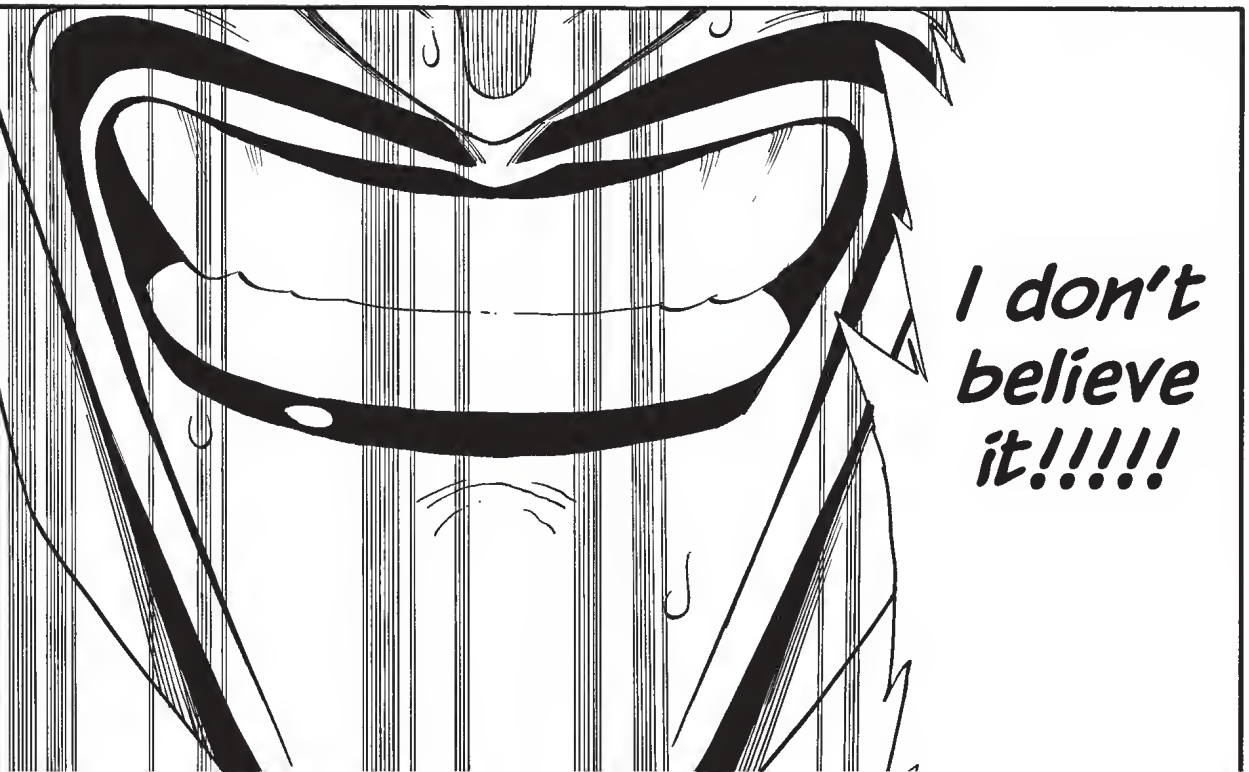



GACHAN

GOOM
DOKOOM
OONN
VWOOOOO
ZNN
ZNN
ZULINN

GM GM
GM
Guys... You did it!!
YEAAAHHH
SLUMP
ZNN
ZNN
ZNN
ZNN
CRUMBLE
Whoa!!
!
KRAK
Was Natsu able to do it?!!
What's going on?
GATCH
Erza!!!

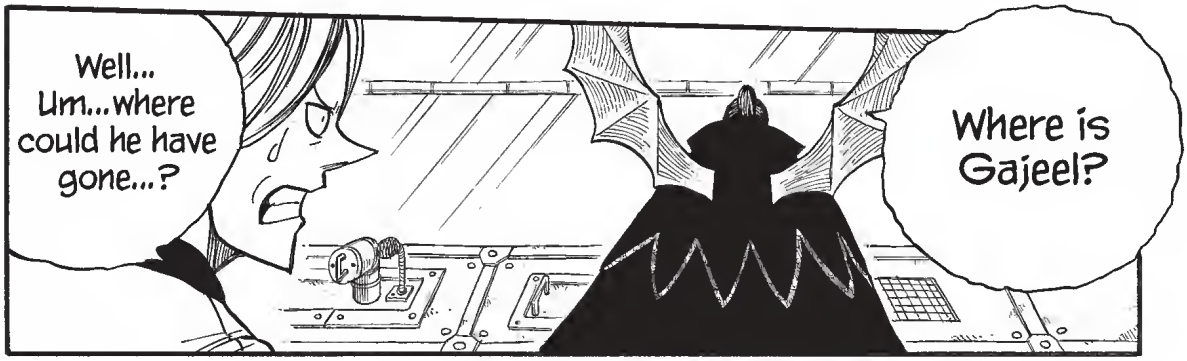

We stopped the Abyss Break from being cast!!!
It's stopped !!


I don't believe it!!!!!

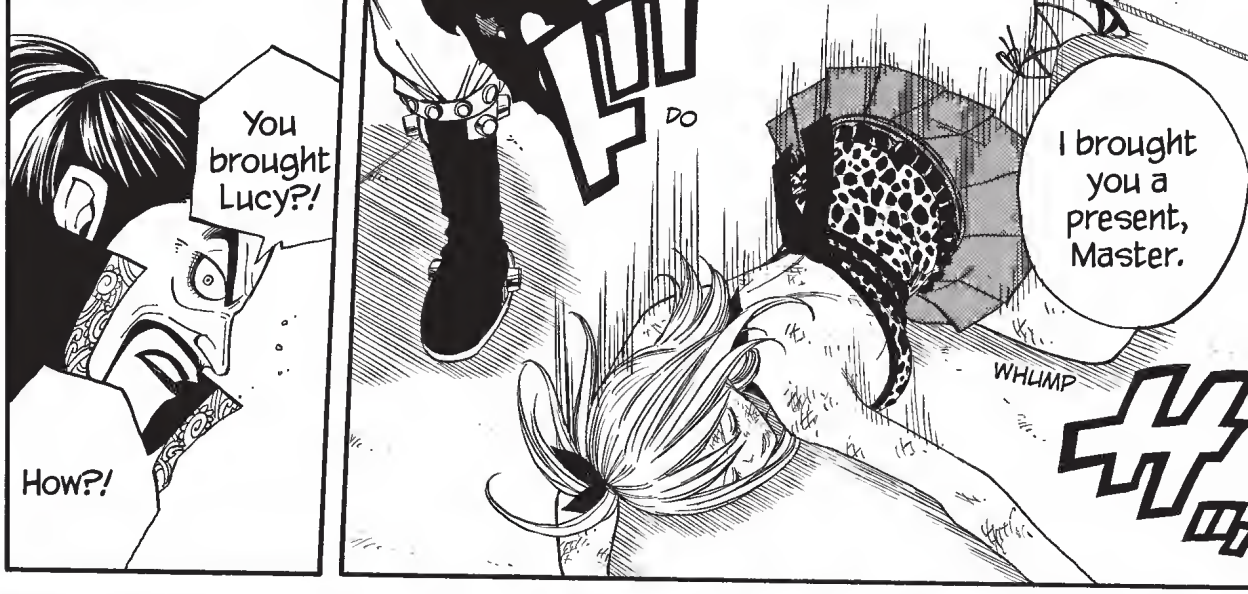
Are you trying to tell me that the Element Four were wiped out by that Fairy Tail trash?!!!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

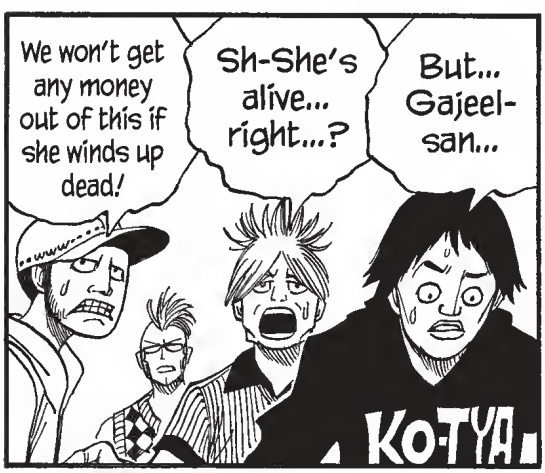
There's gotta be some kind of mistake...
Aah!!
Oh no...

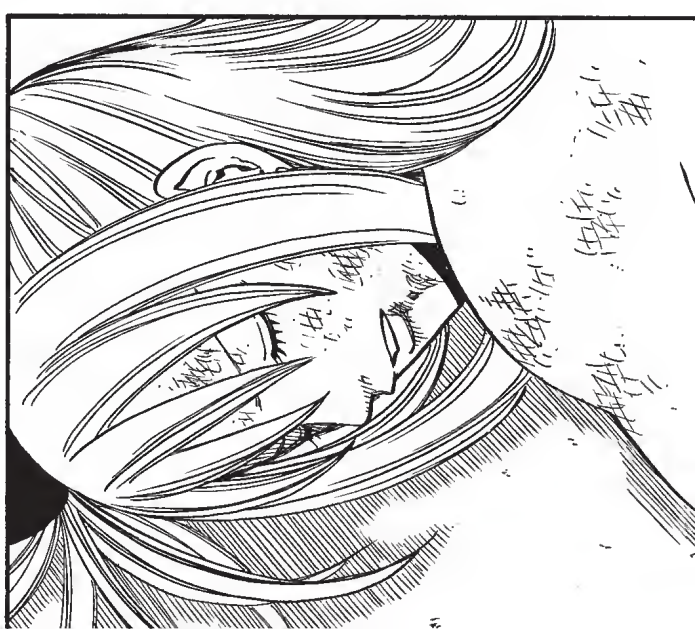

Well... Um...where could he have gone...?
Where is Gajeel?

So the Element Four were taken out? If they were defeated by that garbage, then they must have been garbage themselves!
Gee hee hee!
!
I'm right here, Master!
BOOM
If it was going to turn out this way anyway, then you should have put me on the front lines from the start.

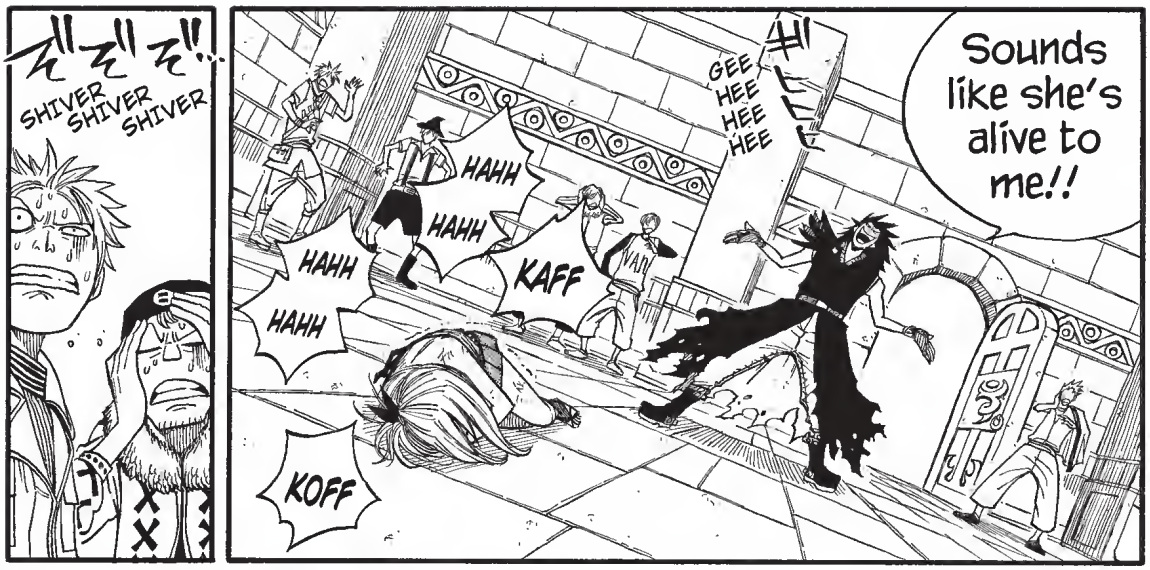

You brought Lucy?!
How?!
I brought you a present, Master.
WHUMP

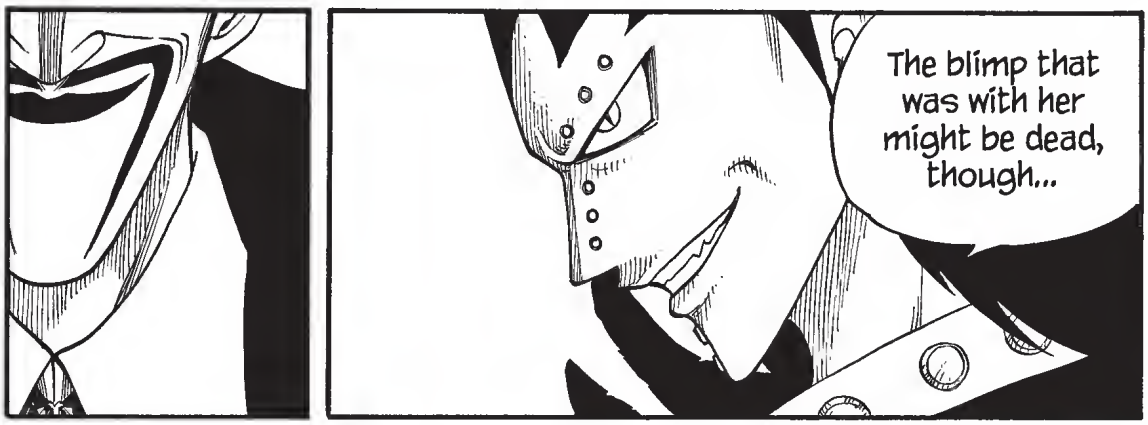
Never underestimate a dragon slayer's nose.


We won't get any money out of this if she winds up dead!
Sh-She's alive... right...?
But... Gajeel-san...
KO-TYA

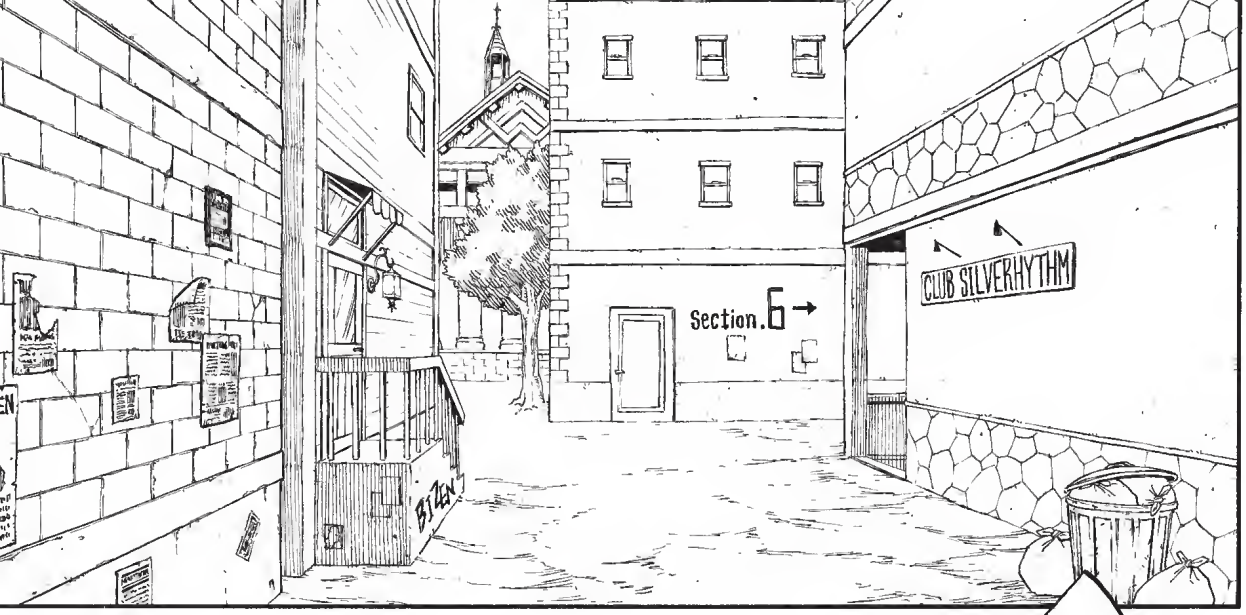


Hmm...
GWAM
Kaff!
Koff!!
Gah-hah!!
Stop that...!!!
What?!!


SHIVER SHIVER SHIVER
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
KAFF
HAHH
KOFF
GEE HEE HEE HEE
Sounds like she's alive to me!!


The blimp that was with her might be dead, though...

That's what I call the best wizard in our guild!!
That's Gajeel-san for you!!!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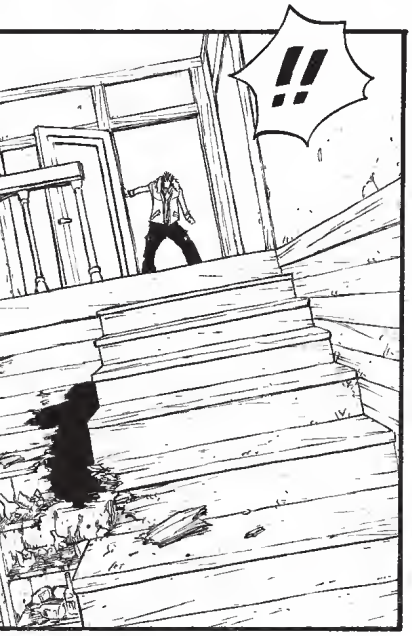
CLUB SILVERHYTHM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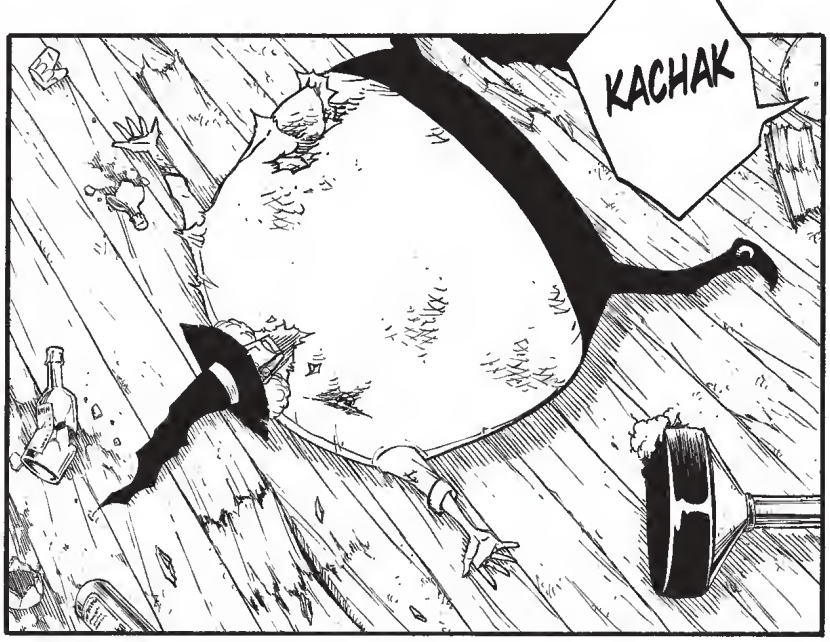
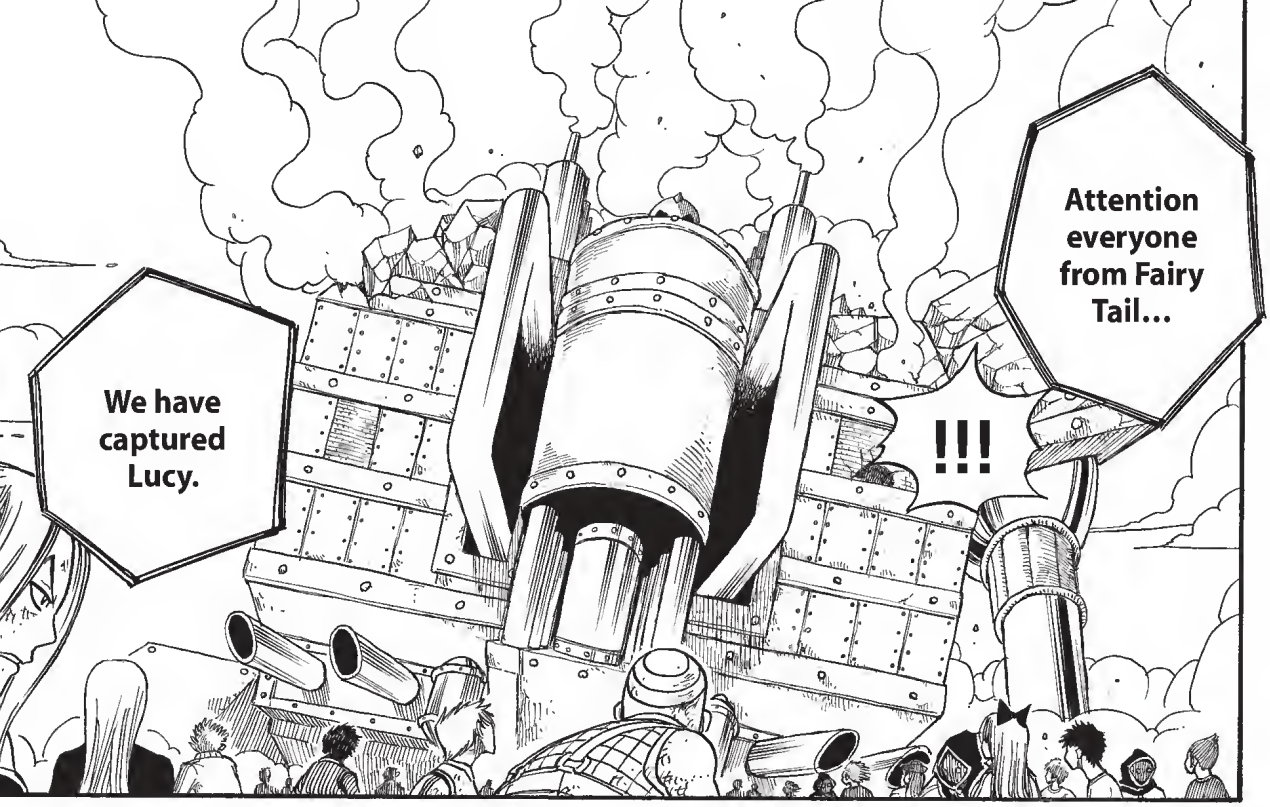

KACHAK

Where is Lucy?!!
What happened to you?!!

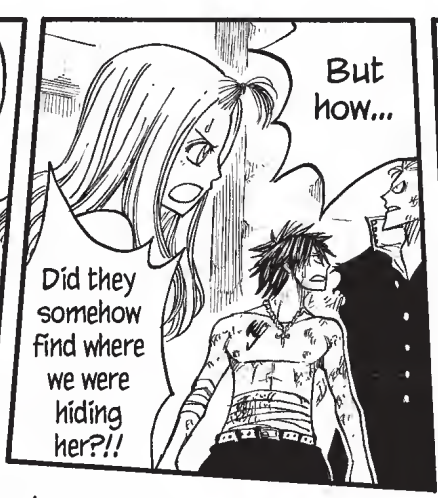
Hey!! Reedus!! Wake up, man!!!
DMP

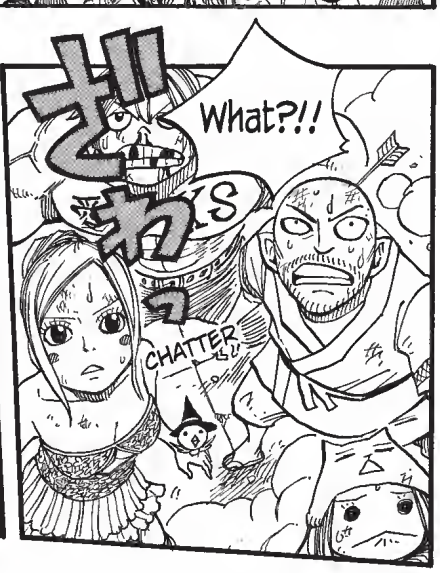
Reedus !!!

...couldn't protect...
SNIFF
Pardon...
I...
Pardon...
Par...
Urk...
Did they take her?
I had a feeling something like this would happen...
I knew it would happen, but...
...I was so afraid to be anywhere near you...
I'm pitiful!!!! Dammit!!!!

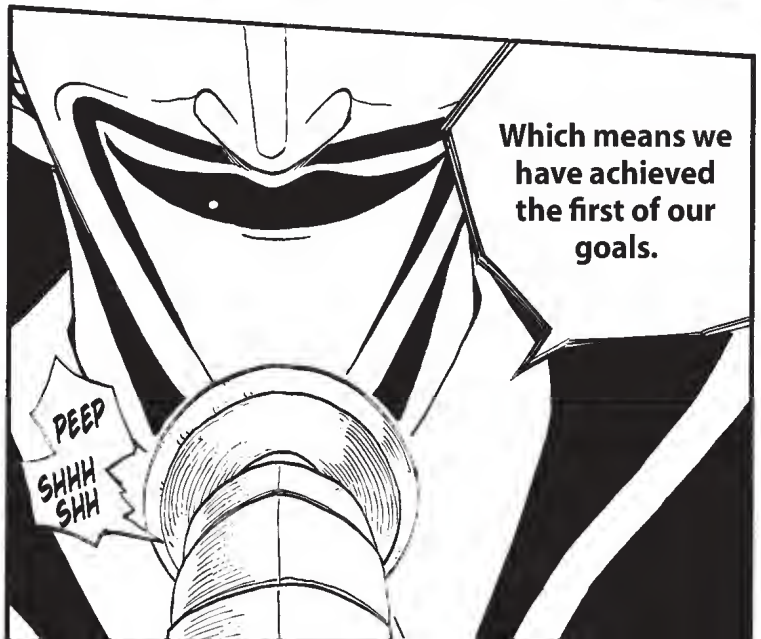

We have captured Lucy.
!!!
Attention everyone from Fairy Tail...

You're kidding...


But how...
Did they somehow find where we were hiding her?!!


What?!!
CHATTER

Oww!
SKRCH SKRCH SKRCH...
Stop it...


Which means we have achieved the first of our goals.
PEEP
SHHH SHH

MURMUR
Hey!!! What are you doing to Lucy?!!
Huh?!
That's Lucy's voice...
Kyaaaaa!!!!
WHAM

Did you hear that?
Stop it...!!!

!!!
VWOOOOOO
That means we have only one goal left.

Uwaah!!!
They're suddenly a lot stronger than they were!!!
Wh-What's with these guys...?!
Gah!!
GOOM
Wha...?!
Uff!!
GANCH
The goal of killing you...
All you upstart brats!!!
ZULULINN

ooooooo
These guys are...
Gakk!!
...really tough!!
Oof!!

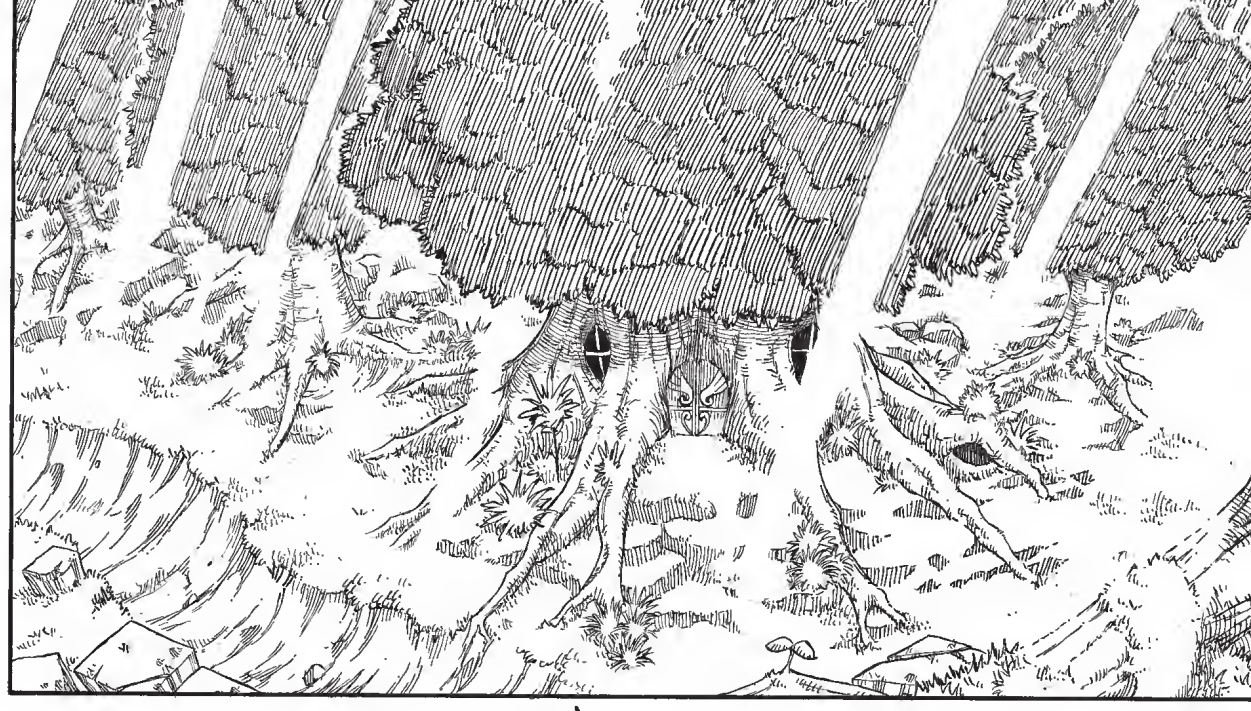
There are still some worms left inside the guild.
Hm?
Keep an eye on Lucy.

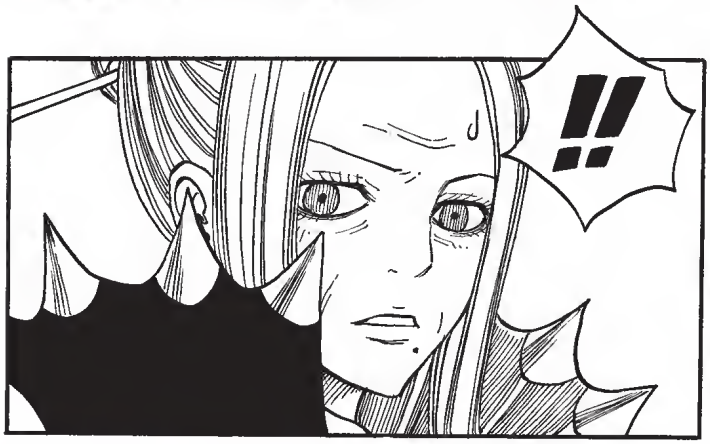
I'm going to inform them that they can no longer count on miracles to save them.
I will exterminate them myself!!!
BOOOOM

Those creeps...!!!
Natsu...
Erza!!!
Let your...
...power loose on them...
You have a...power... that still... sleeps inside of you...
!!
Trust yourself... Pierce the veil...and call it forth...
The time is now!
You have to...protect Lucy...and the guild...

Go, Natsu !!!!
You can do it!!!! You can surpass even my power !!!!!
GM
GM
GM
GM
GM
CHHT
CHHT
CHHT

WOAAAAAH

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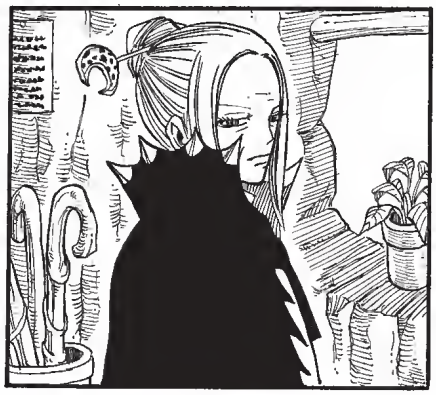
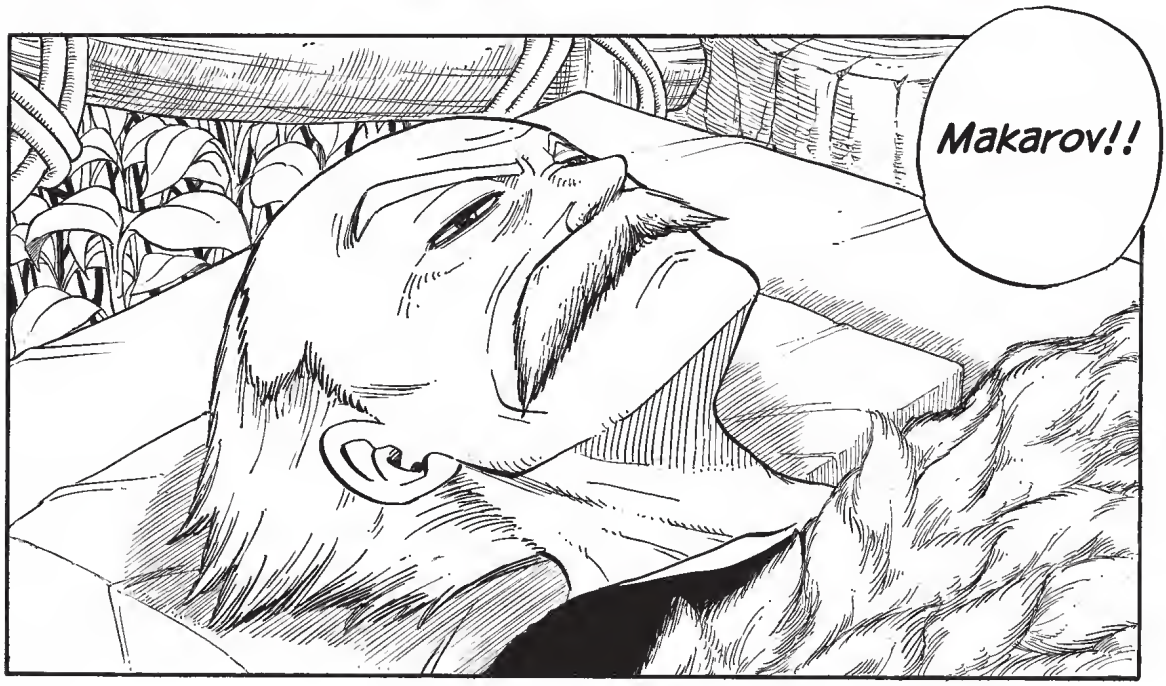



Makarov!!

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 60: Wings of Fire

FAIRY TAIL

Name: Vijeeter Ecor Age: 16 yrs.

Magic: Dance

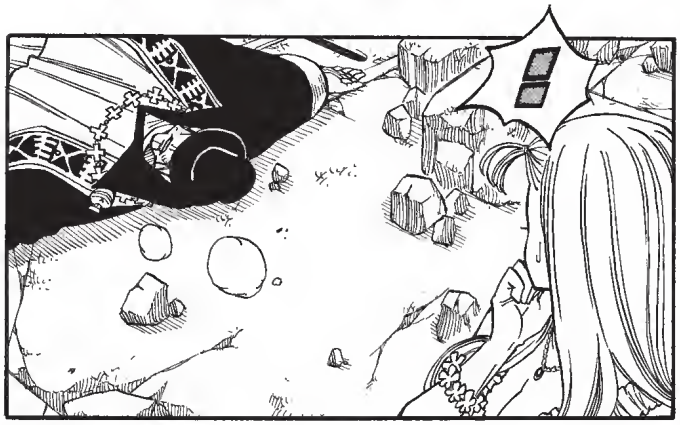
Likes: Dance Dislikes: Fermented soybeans

WIZARD GUILD X 637

Remarks

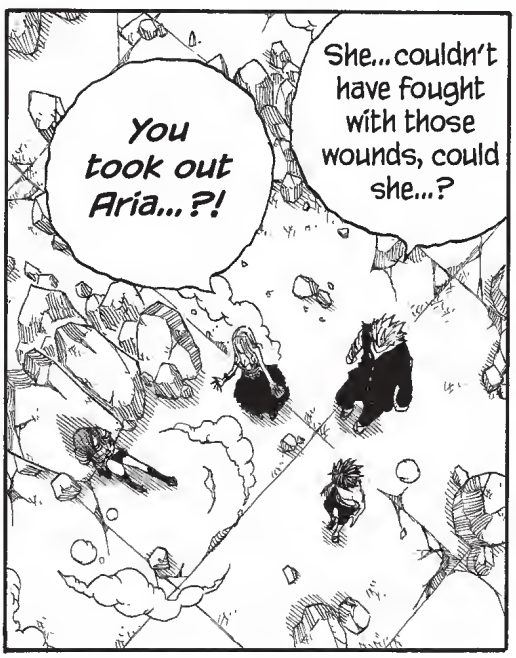
By dancing particular dances, he can do things such as boost the fighting power of all of his friends within a ten-meter radius or, similarly, reduce the fighting power of enemies with his dance magic. He's always loved dance, and can regularly be seen dancing within the guild. His plan for the future seems to be to save up his cash and go study at Minstrel, the cultural capital of dance. But he never can seem to save any money. As a side note, he has a hundred suits that all look alike.

Erza...?!!
TMP
TMP
TMP


!

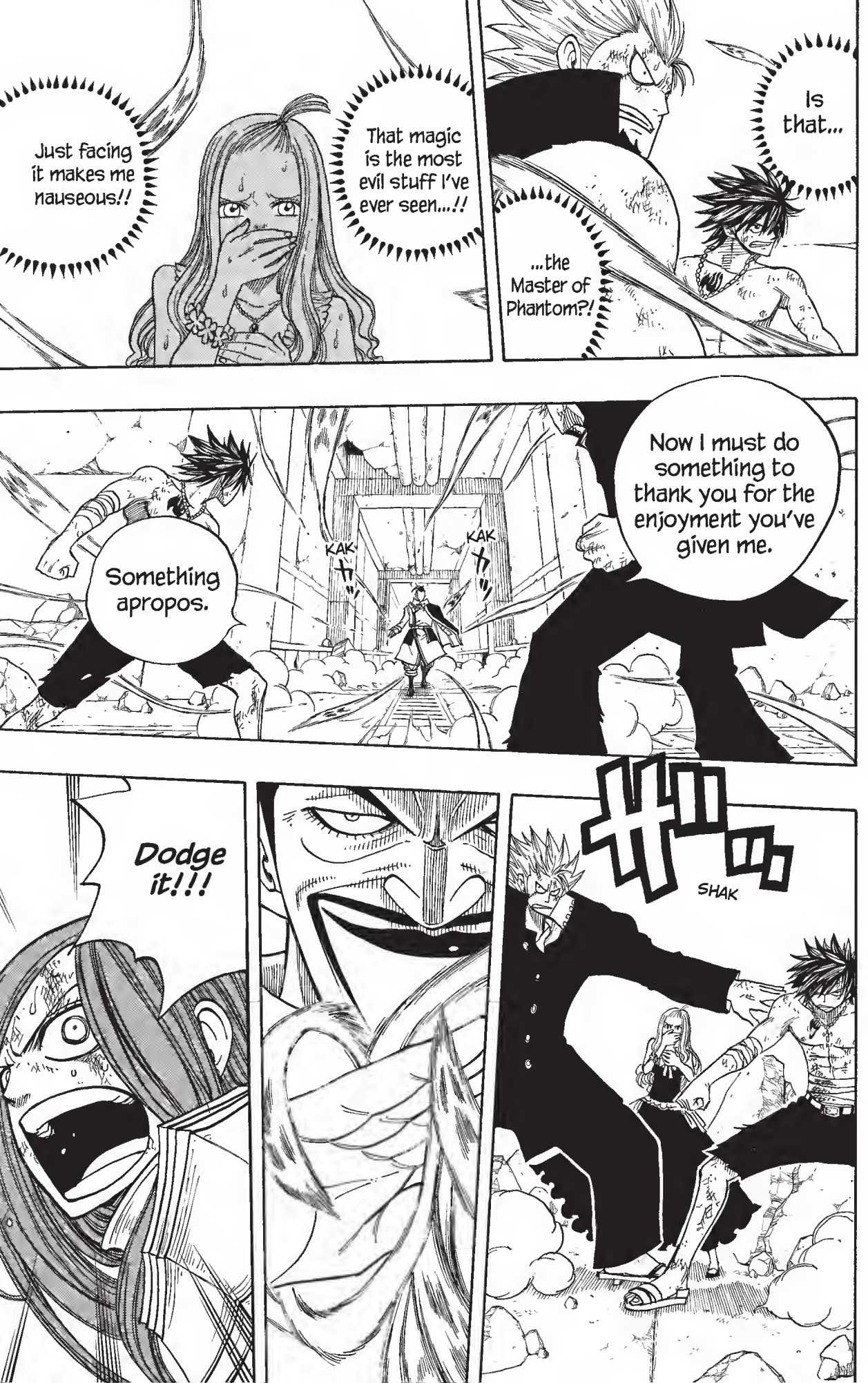
Why...?! What happened here?!!

I never wanted you all to see me in this state...
But the fight isn't over...!


You took out Aria...?!
She...couldn't have fought with those wounds, could she...?

HYUU
UU
UUU
!!!
JKK
URK
What...is this...?!
Ernn!! I feel chills that no man should feel!!!
Wh-What is this feeling?!
CLAP
CLAP
Ah, yes. Well done, my lovelies!
CLAP

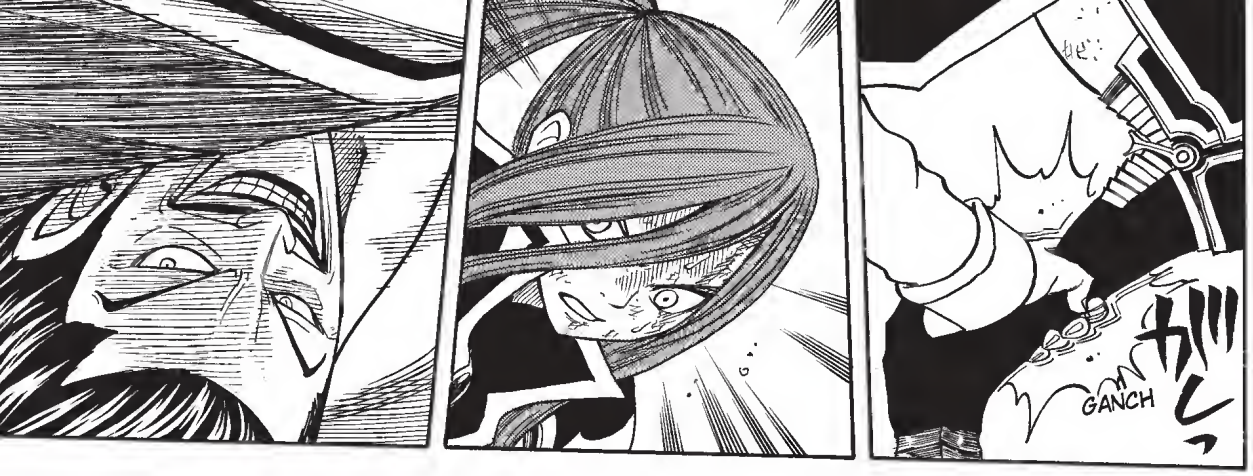
Honestly, I never thought you would give me this much fun!!
Master Jose!!!!


Just facing it makes me nauseous!!
That magic is the most evil stuff I've ever seen...!!
Is that...
...the Master of Phantom?!
Something apropos.
KAK
KAK
Now I must do something to thank you for the enjoyment you've given me.
Dodge it!!!
SHAK

BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
Kh...
Elfman!!!
Gray!!!
Gahh!!
Nwaahh
!!!

GAN
GAN
GAN
GAN
ZUU
Eeeek!!!

TMP
VWOOSH
VWOOOOO
BWAAHH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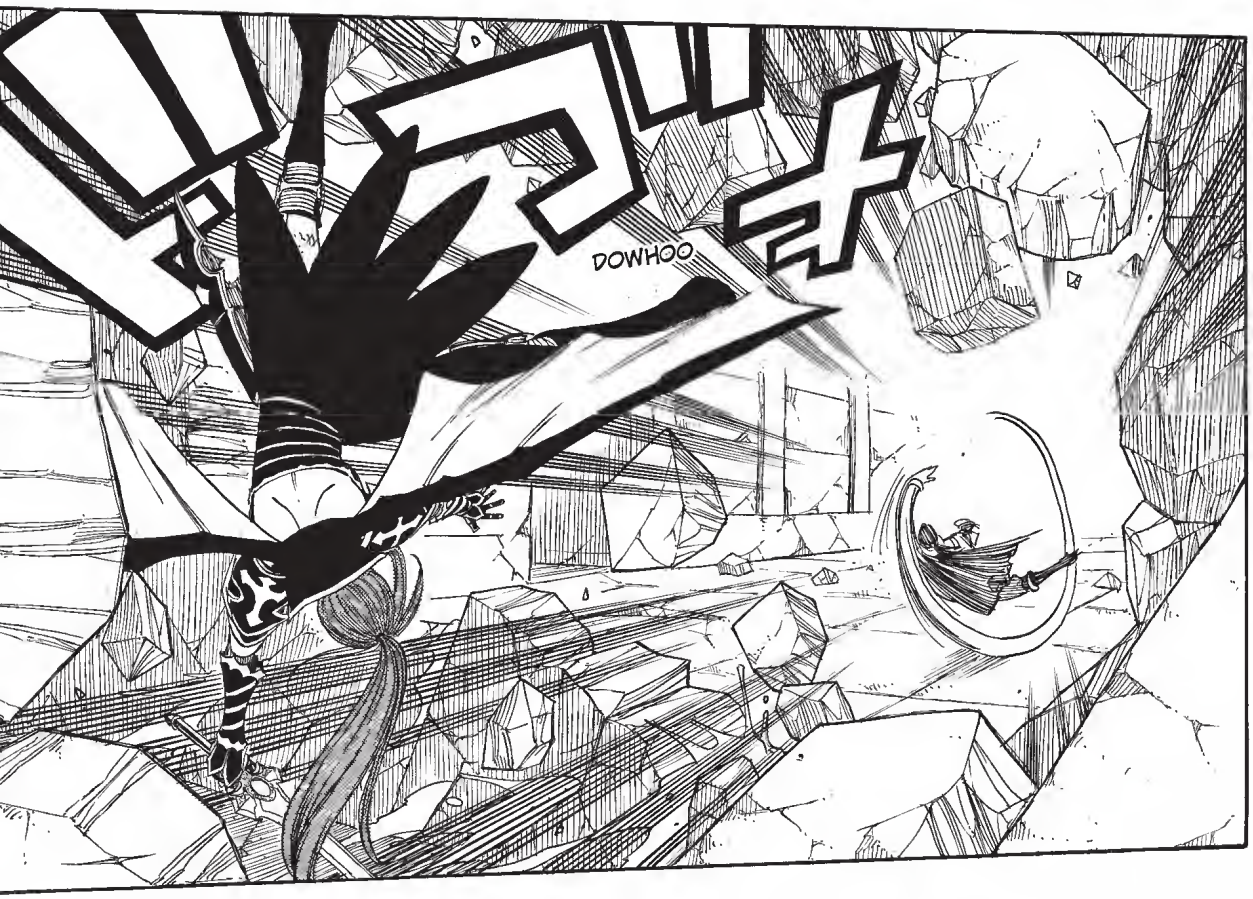
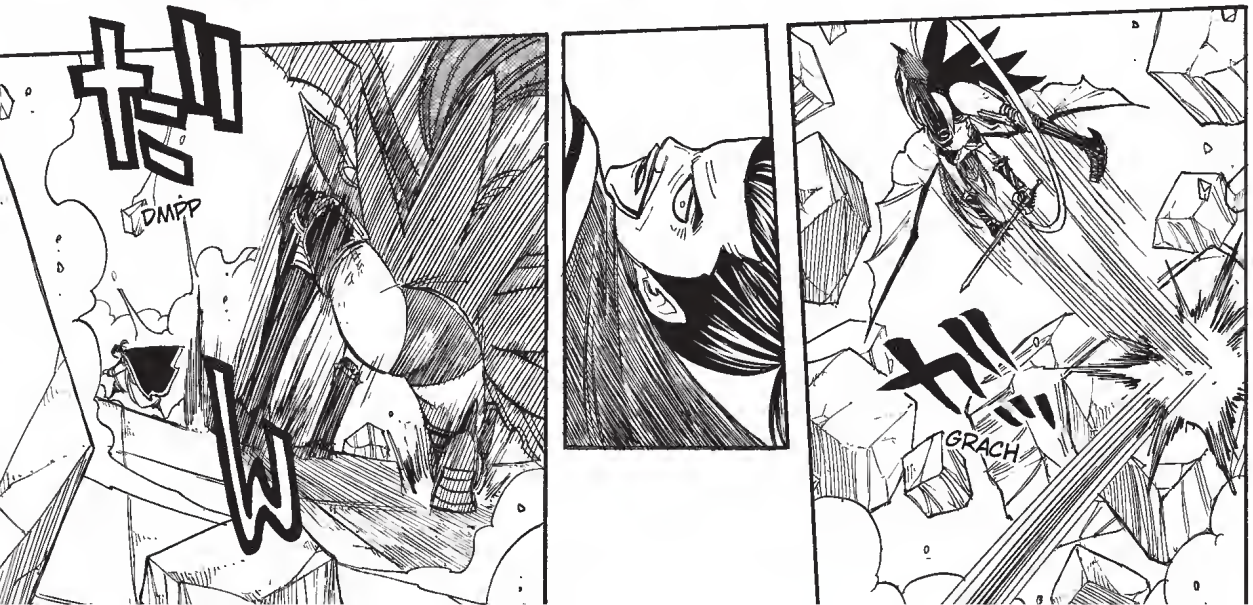
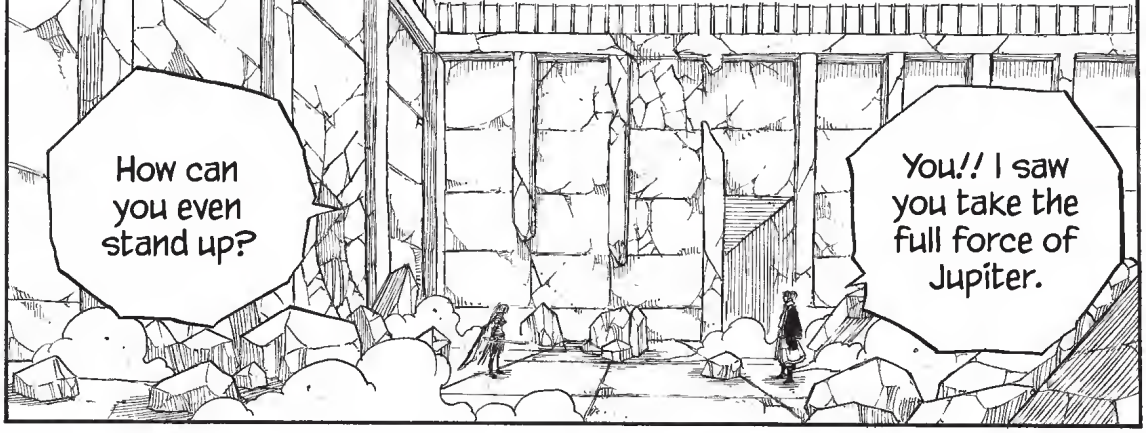
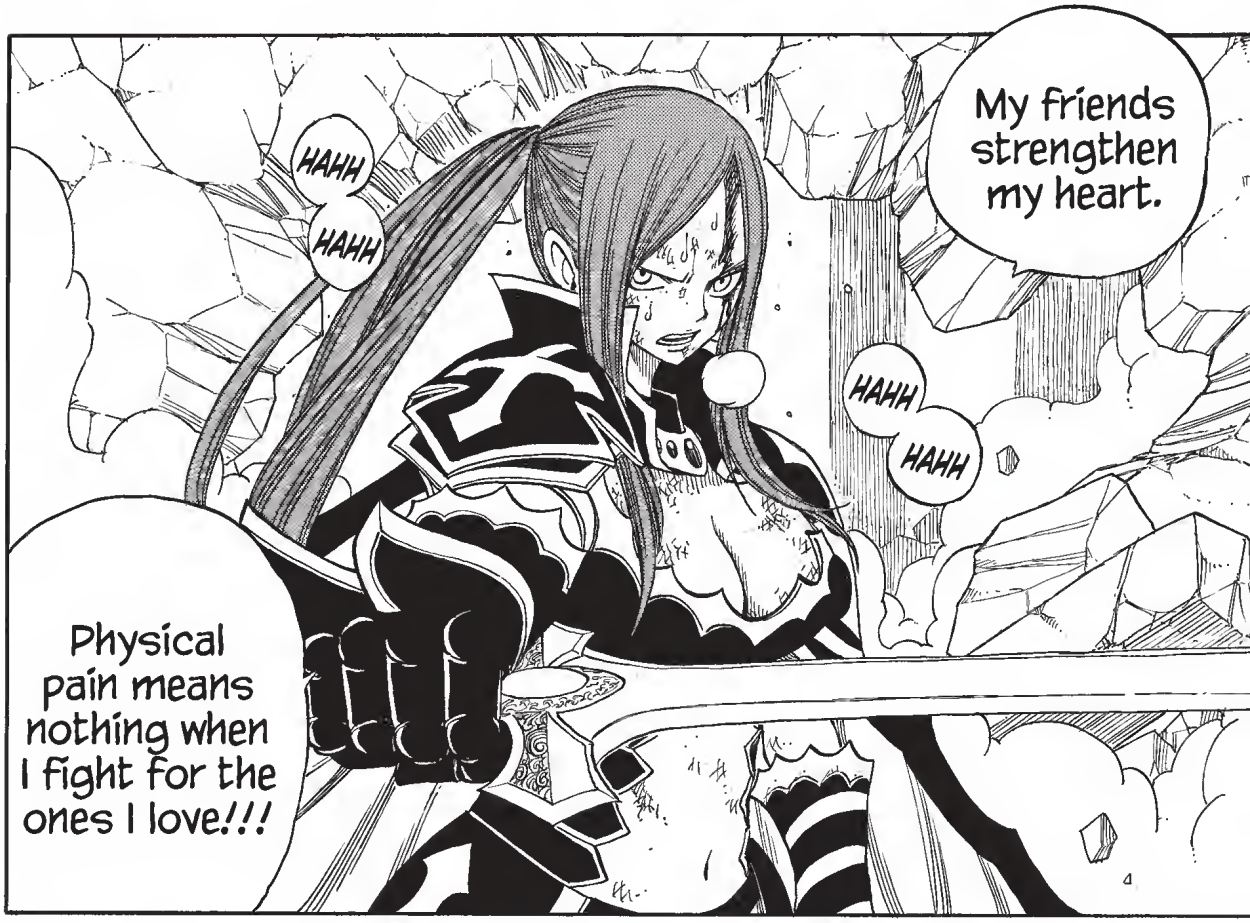
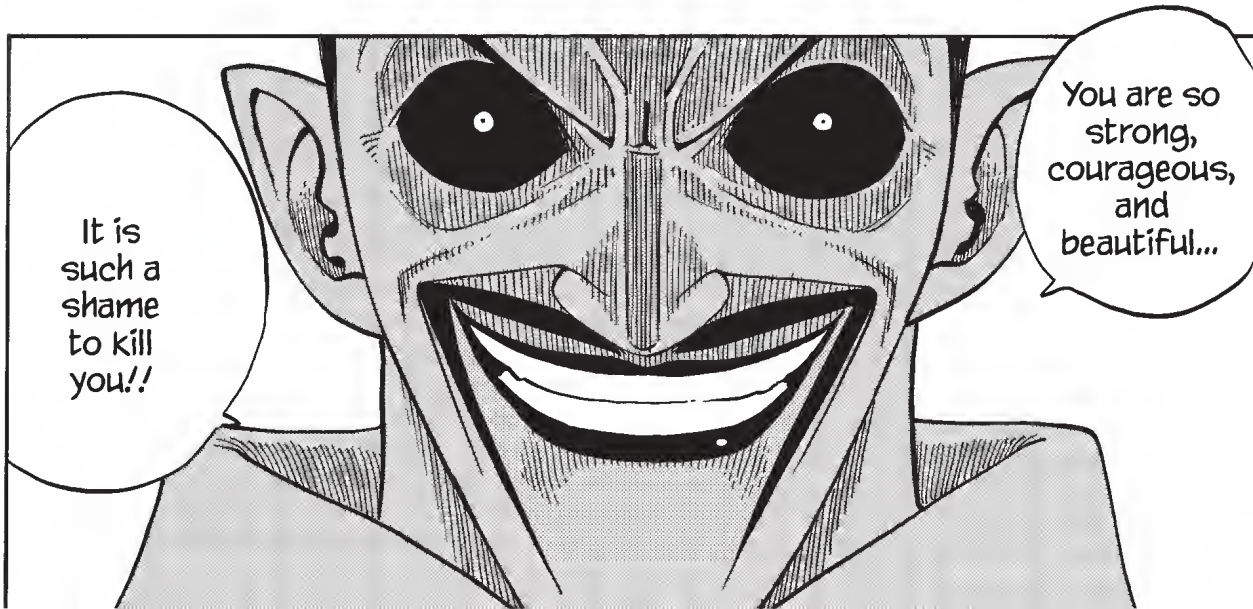

DOWHOO


DMPP
GRACH

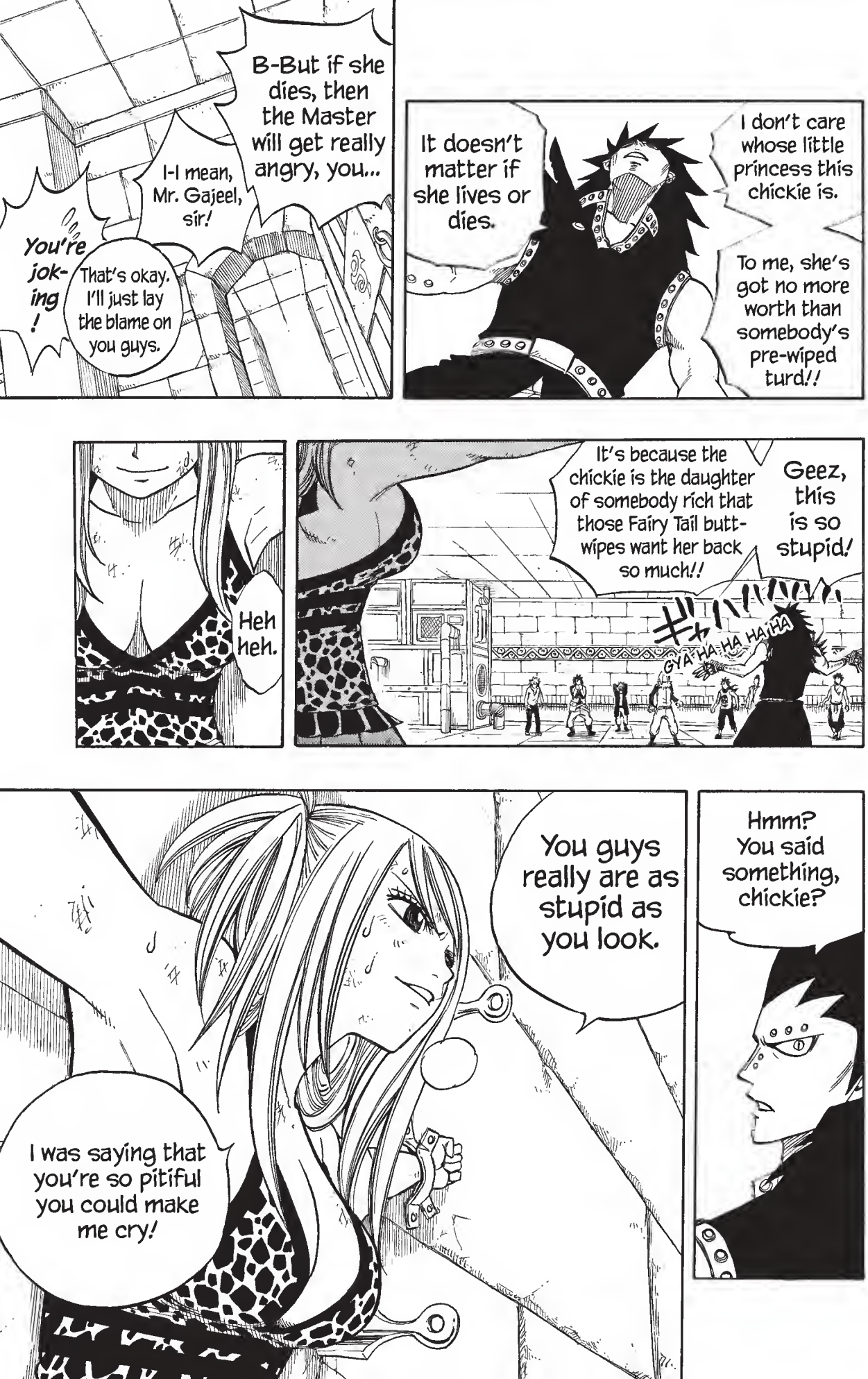

How can you even stand up?
You!! I saw you take the full force of Jupiter.


HAHH
HAHH
My friends strengthen my heart.
HAHH
HAHH
Physical pain means nothing when I fight for the ones I love!!!


It is such a shame to kill you!!
You are so strong, courageous, and beautiful...

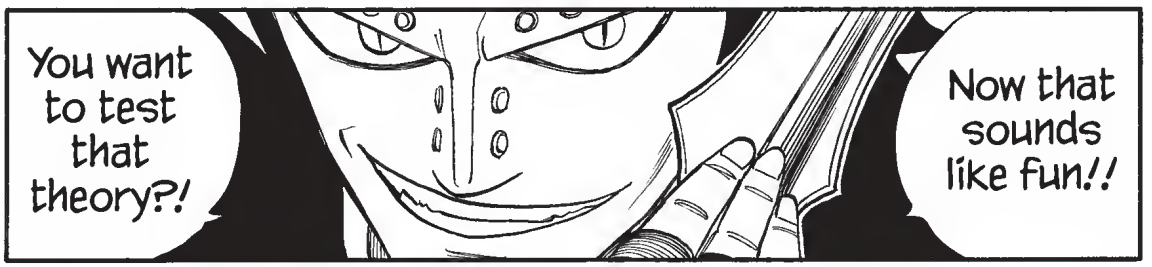
GACH
GACH
Uhn!!
THAK
SHUU

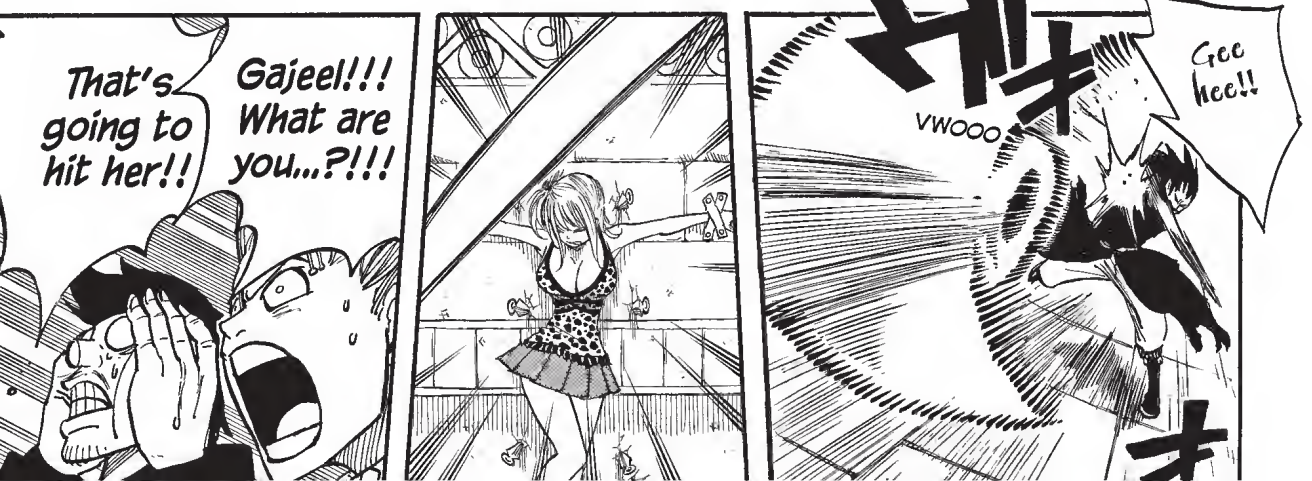
That was so close! I really thought that I was going to hit her that time!
Gya ha ha ha!!!
Um...
Er...
.....
S-Stop!! I mean it!!
Next, how about I aim it right there, huh?
FASH
Gajeel... D-Don't you think you should stop now...? You might hit her for real...
Huh?
What else is there to do?!
SHINK
Shut up, okay?
Ubuff !!
GRANCH


B-But if she dies, then the Master will get really angry, you...
I-I mean, Mr. Gajeel, sir!
You're joking!
That's okay. I'll just lay the blame on you guys.
It doesn't matter if she lives or dies.
I don't care whose little princess this chickie is.
To me, she's got no more worth than somebody's pre-wiped turd!!
Heh heh.
It's because the chickie is the daughter of somebody rich that those Fairy Tail butt-wipes want her back so much!!
Geez, this is so stupid!
GYAHAHAHAHAHA
You guys really are as stupid as you look.
I was saying that you're so pitiful you could make me cry!
Hmm? You said something, chickie?

Why not? You creeps don't scare me.
Whaaa? You got the balls to give us attitude in your condition?
Eeeh ?!
ZWAKK
ZLISS
What did you say?
Fairy Tail will never let you get away with it. That's the kind of guild they are.
If I die, you'll be the ones in trouble for it!
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

You will spend each day trembling in the shadow of the world's most frightening guild.
For the rest of your short lives!!!

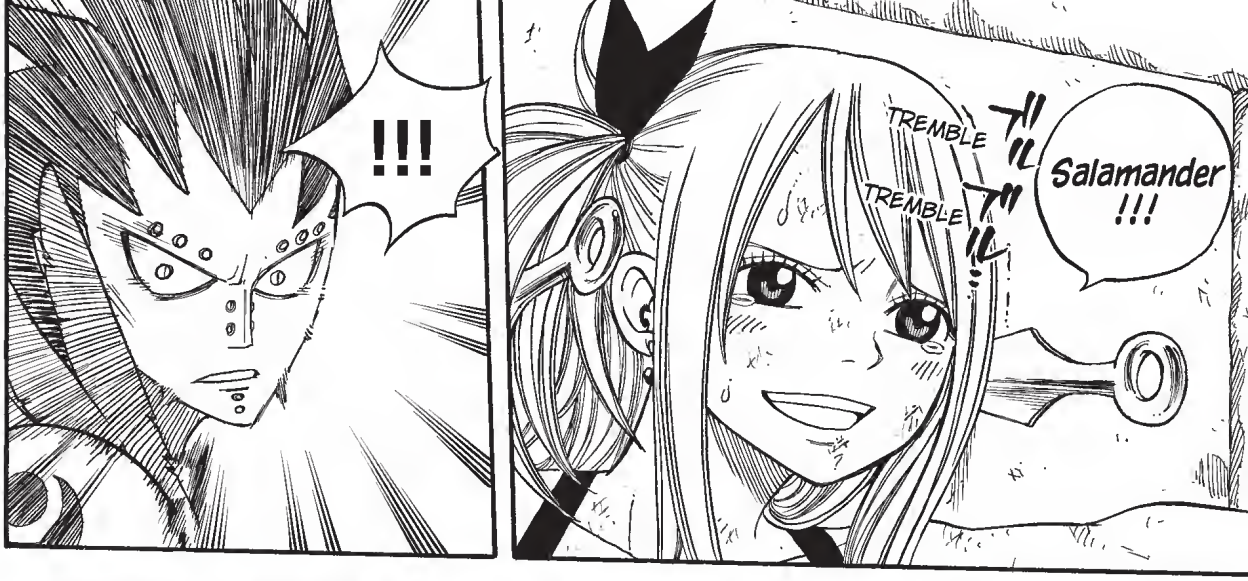

You want to test that theory?!
Now that sounds like fun!!


That's going to hit her!!
Gajeel!!! What are you...?!!!
VWOOO
Gee hee!!

BOOOOM
KACHIIIN
TWRLLM

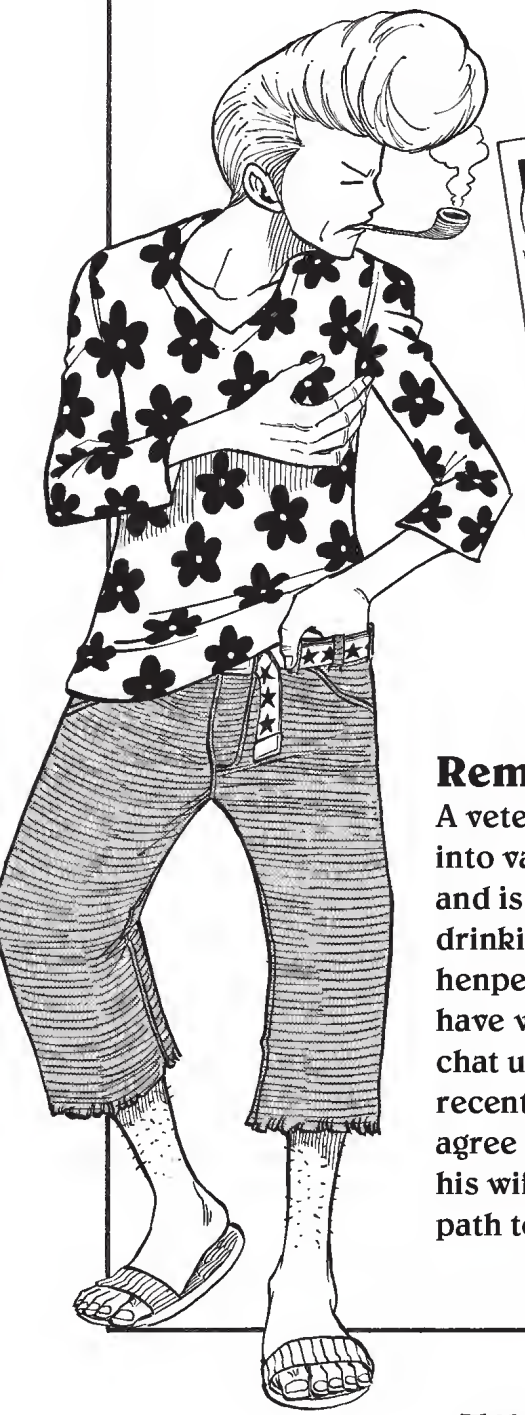
Gaaa-
aaahh
!!!!
DOGAM GAM GAM GAM
I knew you were there.
I could smell you!!
Huuuh ?!!
DM
DM
DM
Oww !!!
DM
DM
DMMMP

DOOSWOOOSH


!!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Salamander
!!!

Hyaaahh
!!!!
GAMM

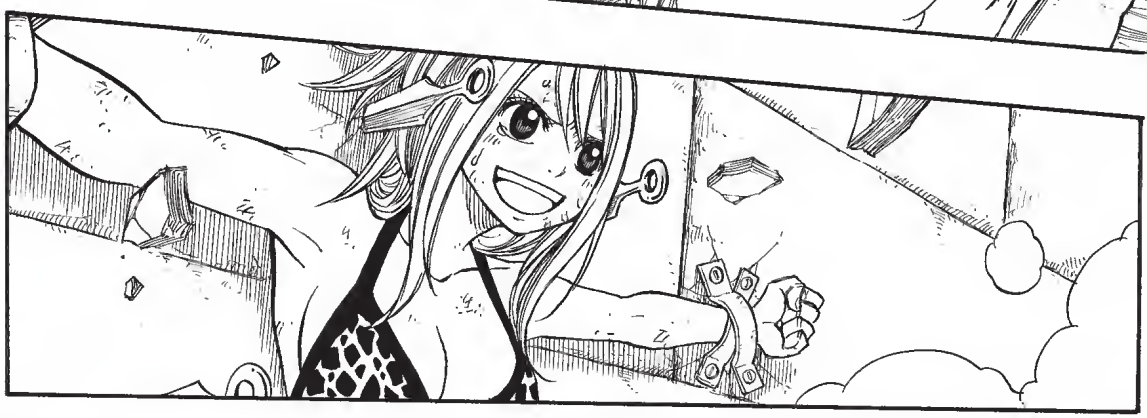
FAIRY TAIL

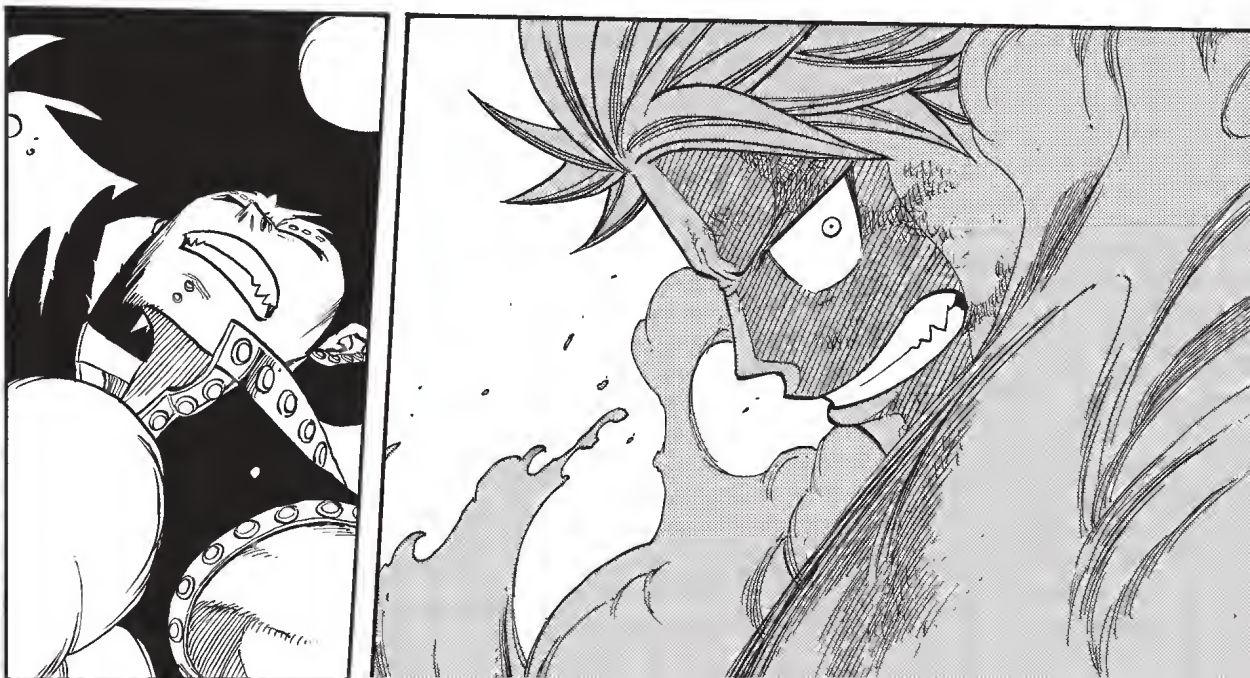


Remarks

A veteran wizard who can fight by shaping smoke into various forms. He has much the same history and is the same age as Macao, so at times they are drinking buddies, and at other times, rivals. He is henpecked by his wife, so even when he doesn't have work, you can find him at the guild trying to chat up the pretty young guild employees. His most recent target was Mirajane, saying that if she would agree to go out with him, he would break it off with his wife. She turned him down flat. He's well on the path to mastering the art of being a creepy old guy.

Chapter 61: The Two Dragon Slayers



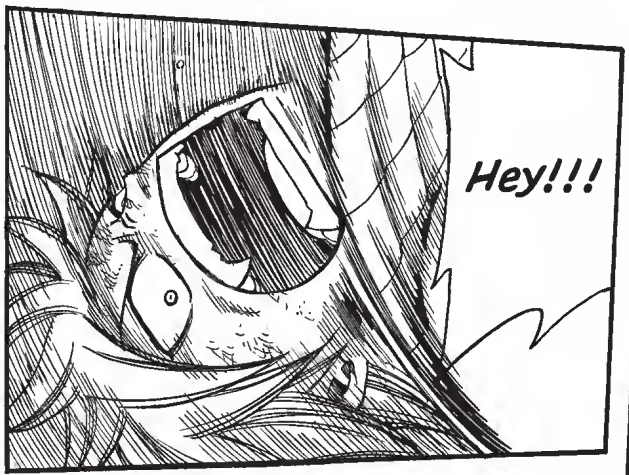


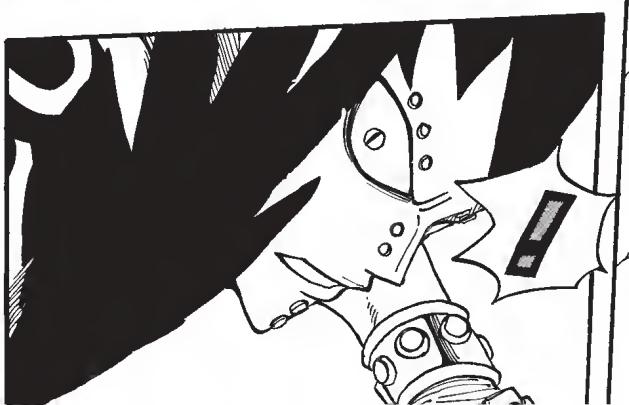
Happy!!
Are you all right, Lucy?
GRN
GRN
GRN
DO KAM
Ugyaah !!
Gwaah !!!
!!!
Gaphoo !!
Outta my way!!
ZWAKK
SKRRRCCH

GO KRAK
I've never seen Natsu like that before...
Neither have I!
GRN GRN GRN

This Natsu is...
キュポン
POKEEN
...really strong!!
カッ!!
KAK
Don't go thinking you're all big and mighty!!!
ナナ
ooo

*Iron Dragon Club!!!!

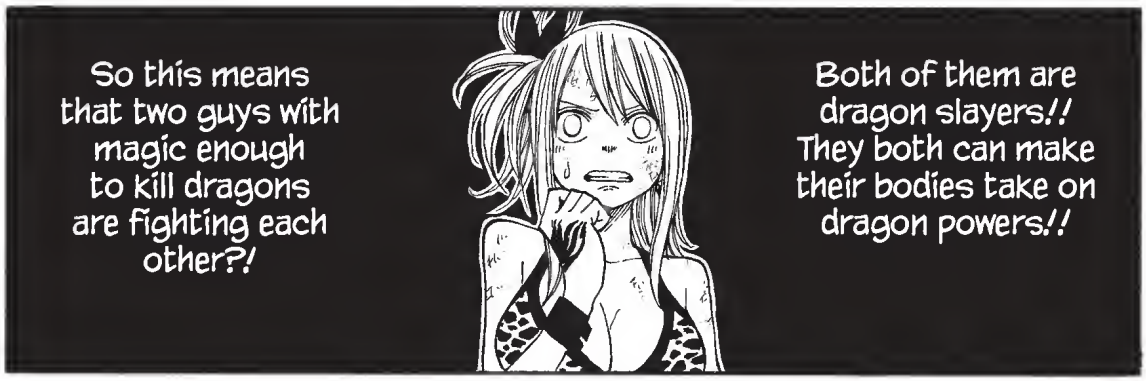


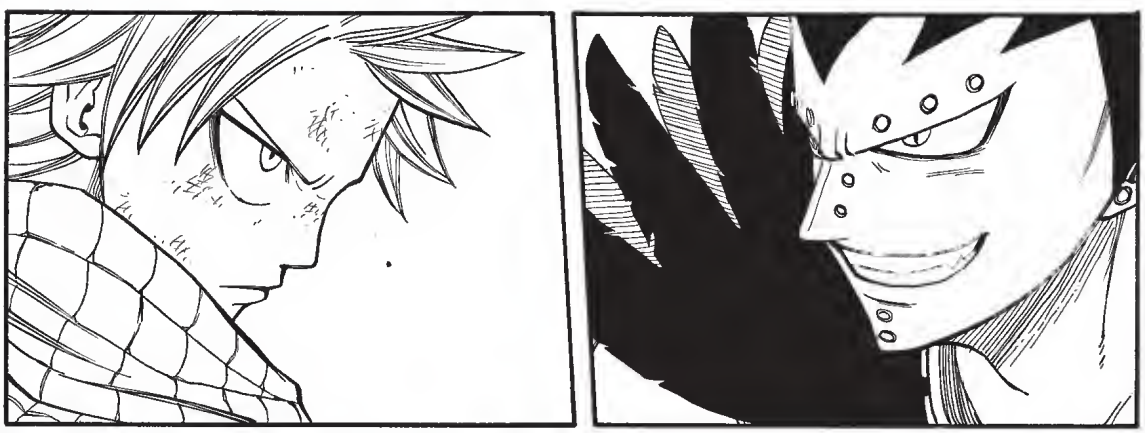


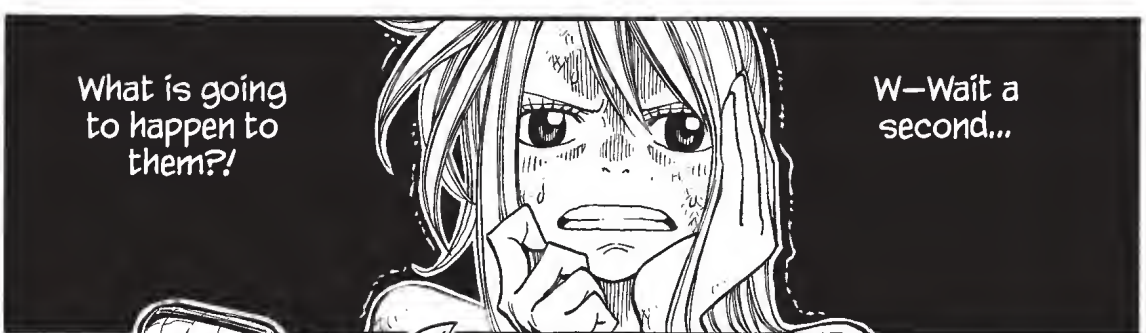
GRATCH
GWOO KAKK
Karyû-no-Kagizume !!!!*
Grkk!!
!!
*Fire Dragon's Talon!!!!

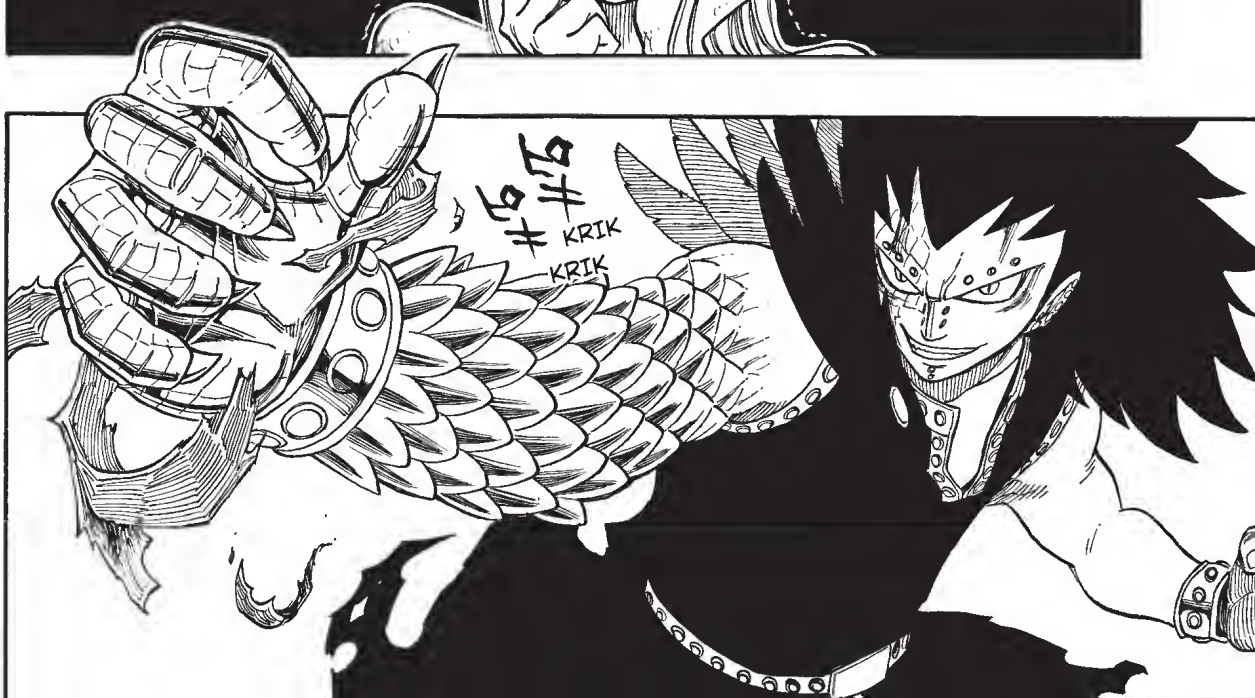
Urgg!!
Tetsuryû-Ken!!!!*
ZLITCH
*Iron Dragon Sword!!!!
That hurt...
It's iron magic for taking down dragons!!!
Wh-What was that?!
Gahh!!!
KOOWANN

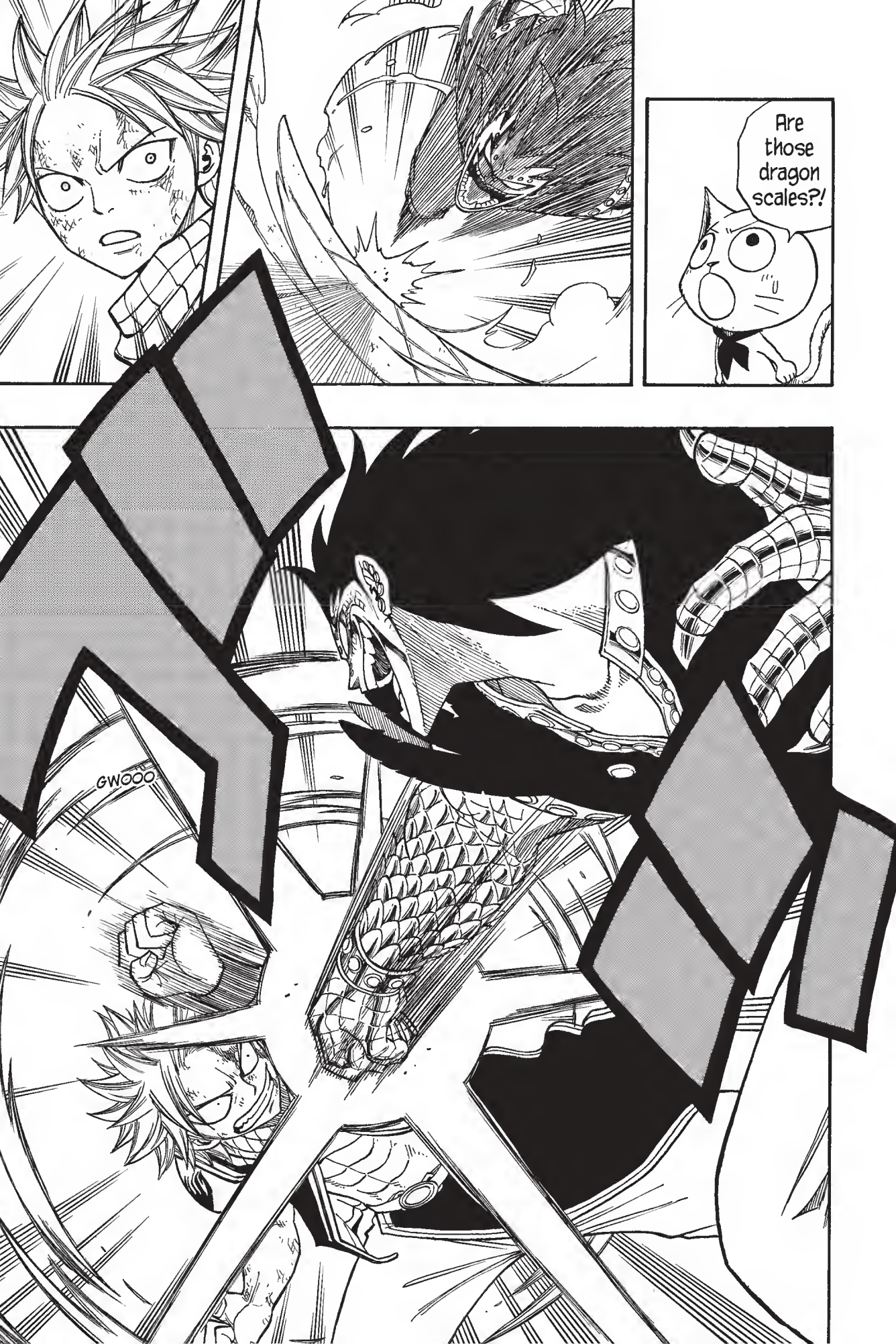
SKRRCH
Natsu !!!
It looks like we'll finally get to finish this!!
Salamander !!!
It's got me all fired up!!
You scrap-iron creep!!!


So this means that two guys with magic enough to kill dragons are fighting each other?!
Both of them are dragon slayers!! They both can make their bodies take on dragon powers!!

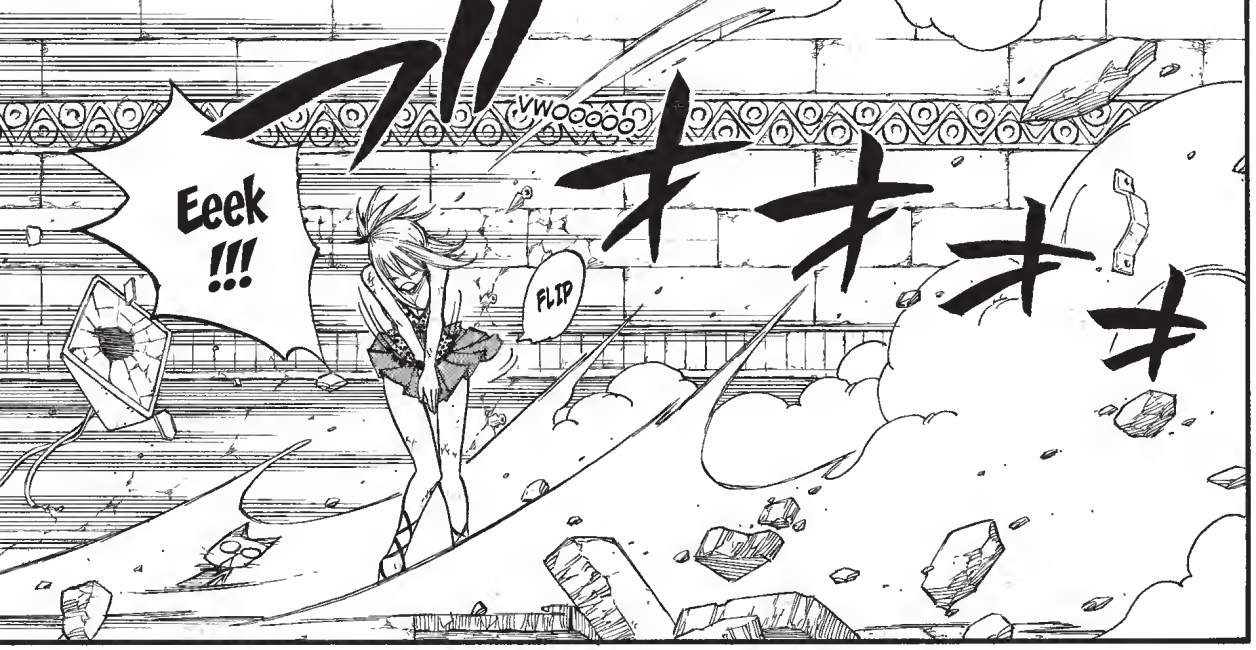


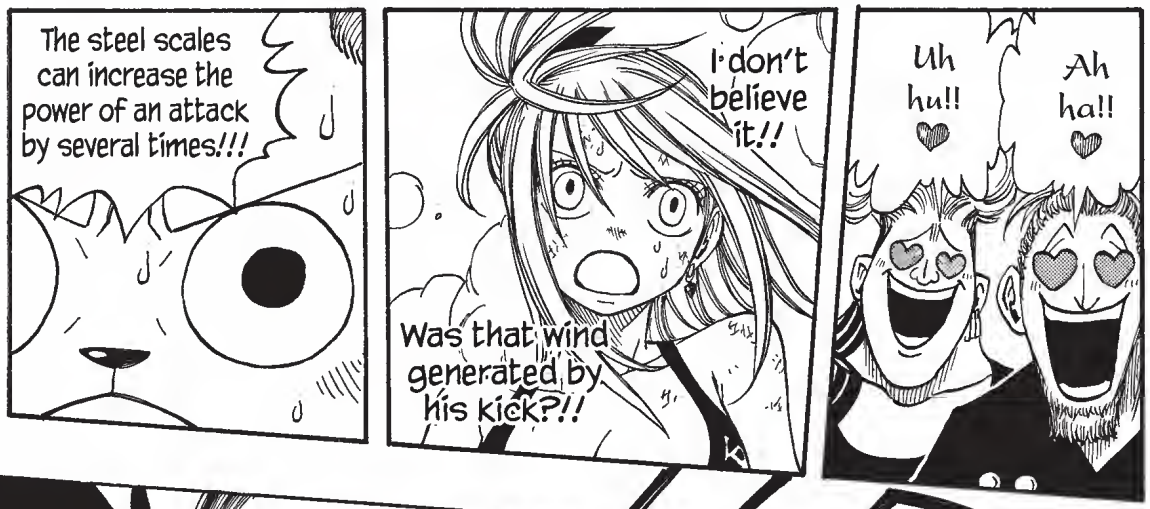

What is going to happen to them?!
W—Wait a second...

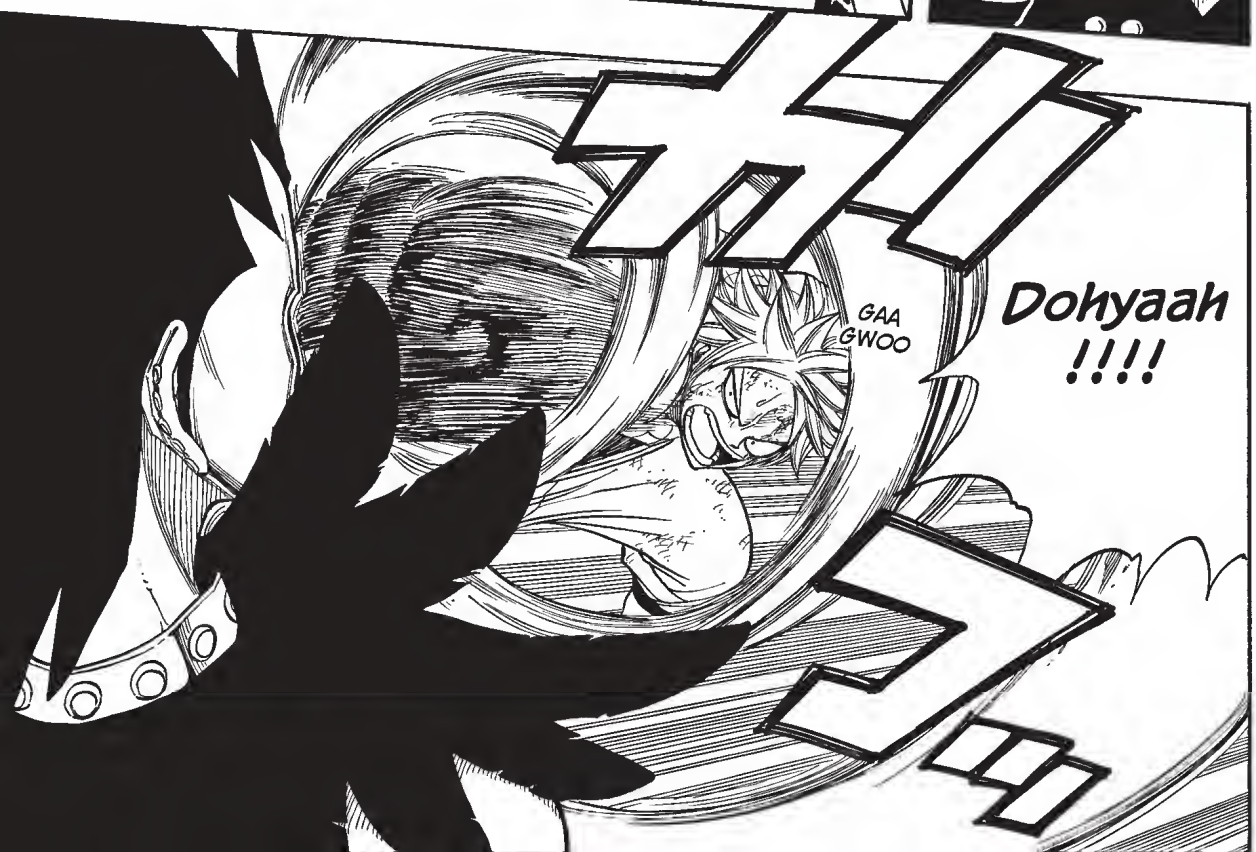

KRIK
KRIK


Are those dragon scales?!
GWOOO

Gaaaahh !!!!
KRAK
Gee hee!!!
Those scales are made of steel...
He broke it...
VWOOOO
WHOOSH

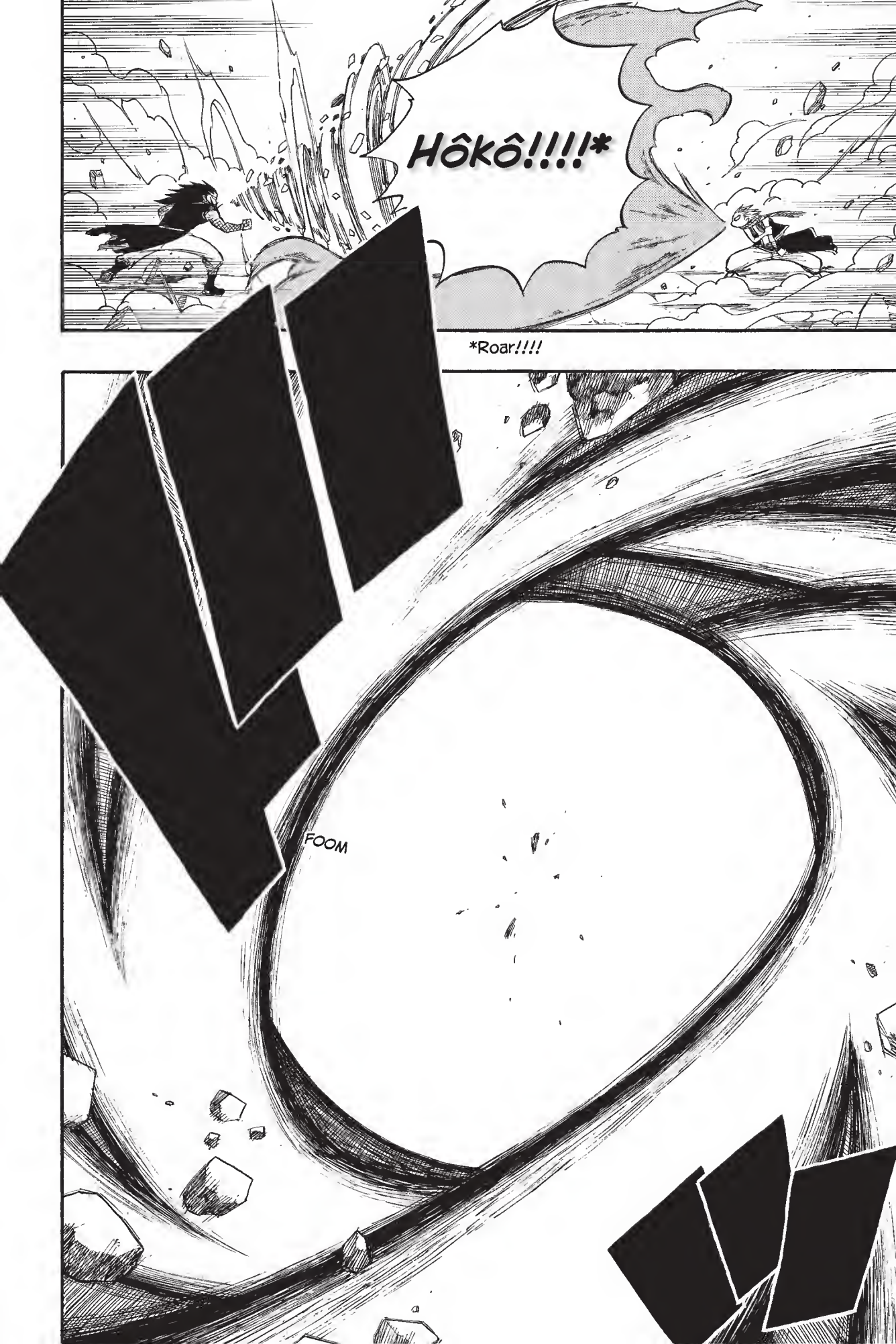

Eeek !!!
VWOOOOO
FLIP
ゴオオオオ

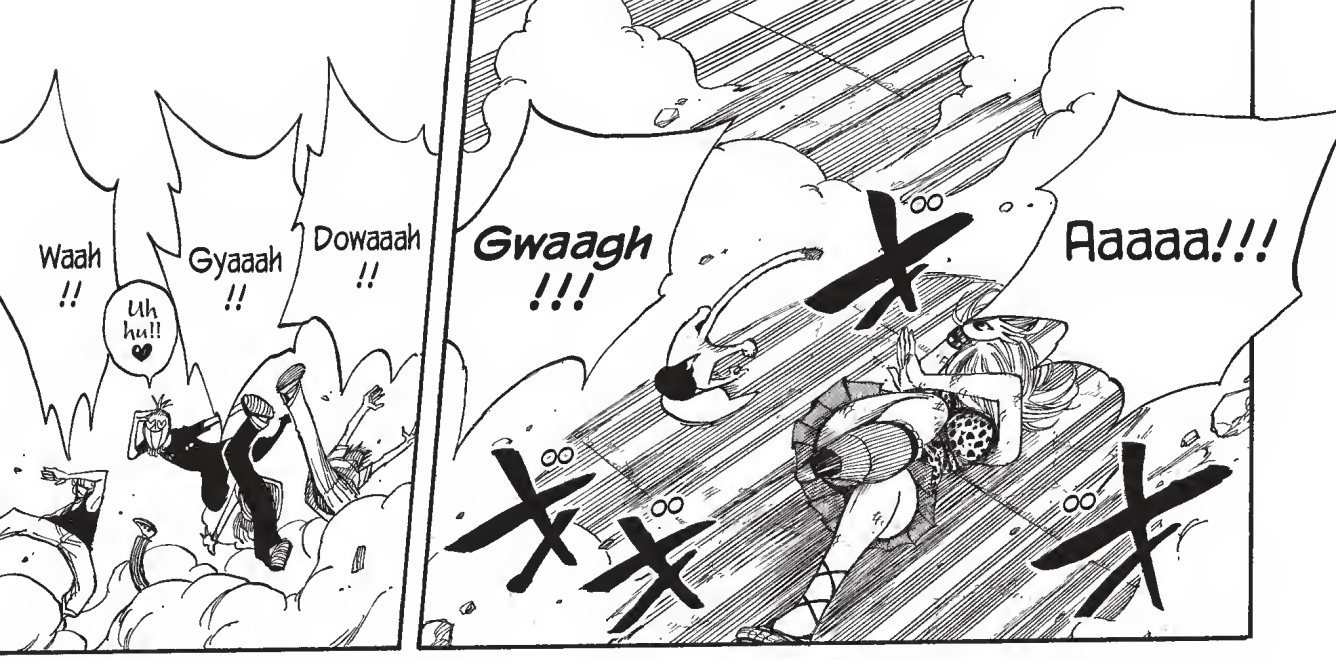

The steel scales can increase the power of an attack by several times!!!
I don't believe it!!
Was that wind generated by his kick?!!
Uh hu!!
Ah ha!!

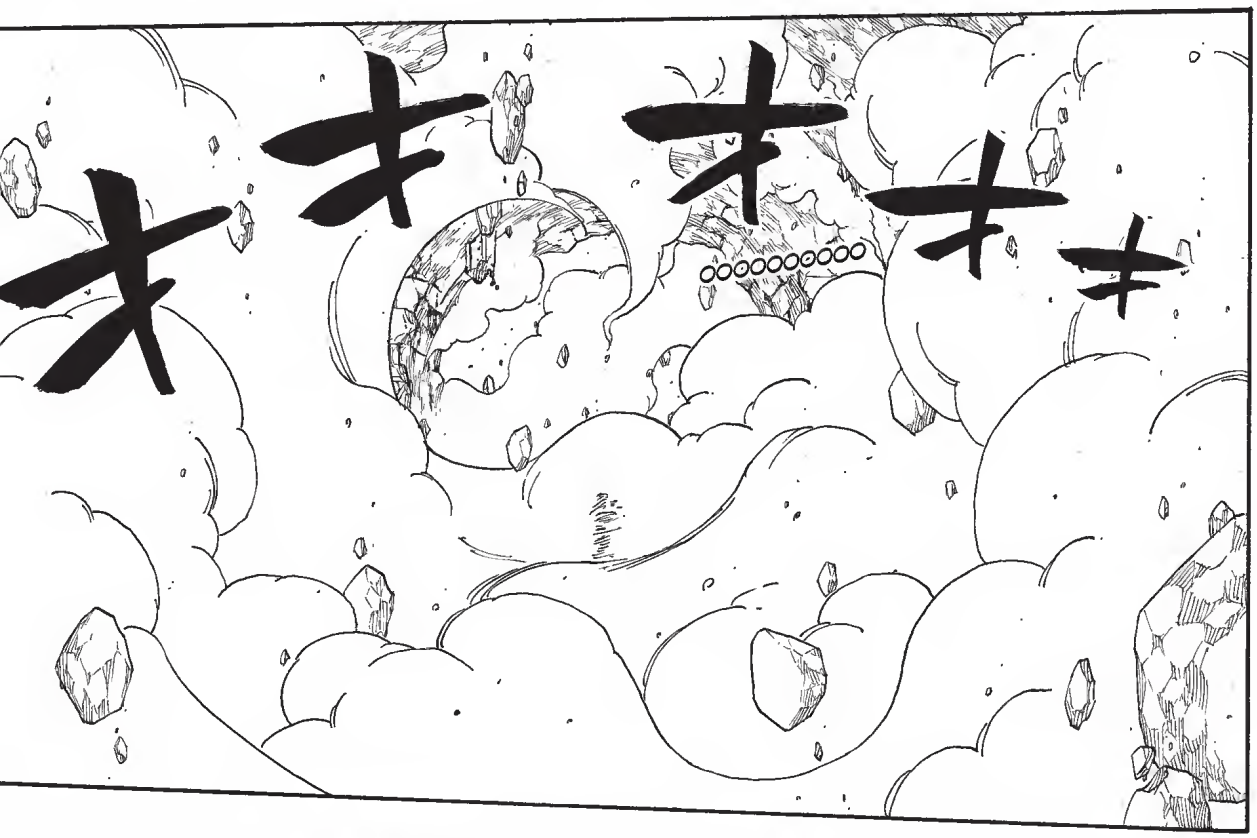

GAA GWOO
Dohyaah !!!!
ゴオオオ

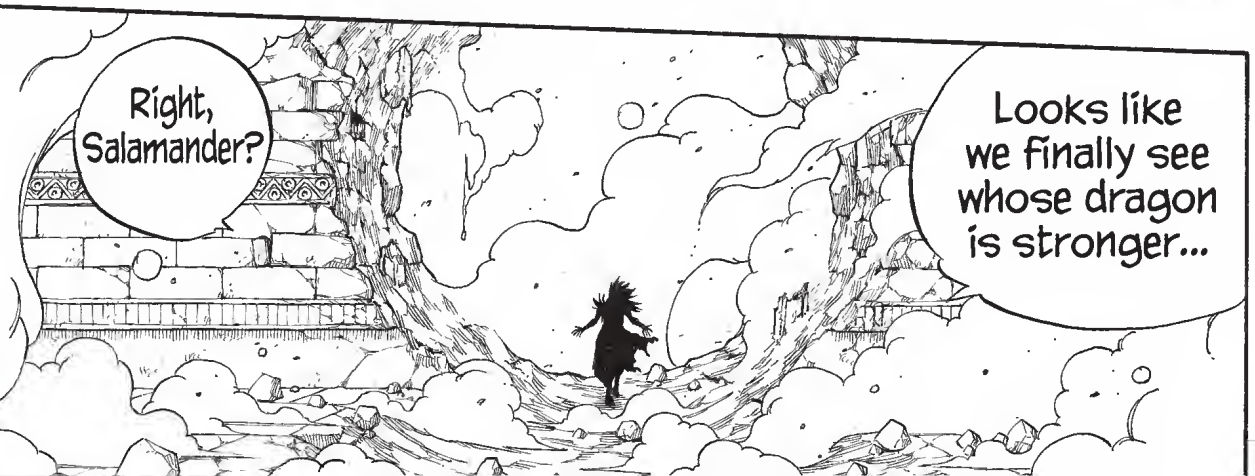
Gee hee!!
The steel scales can snuff out the power of any attack!!
No!!!
You mean it increases his defense, too?!!
Uwaaaahh!!!!
Gaaa!!!!
GOÓOM

SKRRCCH
WHOOSH
KAM
Karyû no...*
FWUPP
Tetsuryû*
FWUPP
*Iron Dragon...
*Fire Dragon's...
Eeeee!!!
Everybody down!!!
You mean he's going to use his breath attack, too?!!!

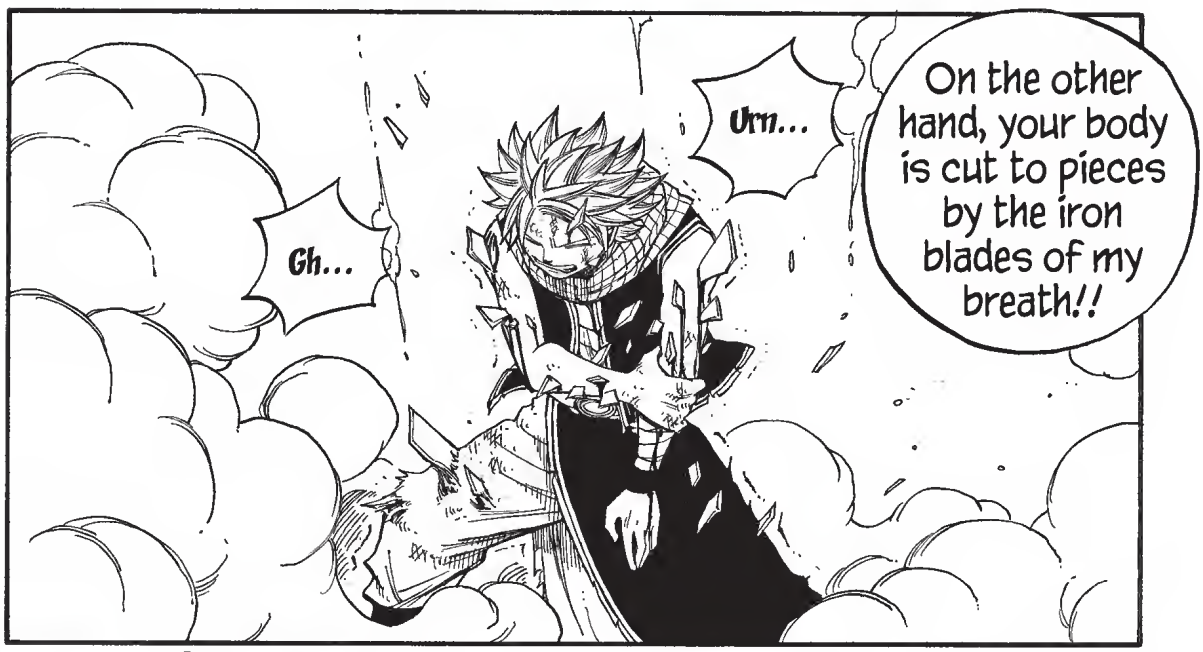

Hôkô!!!!*
*Roar!!!!
FOOM

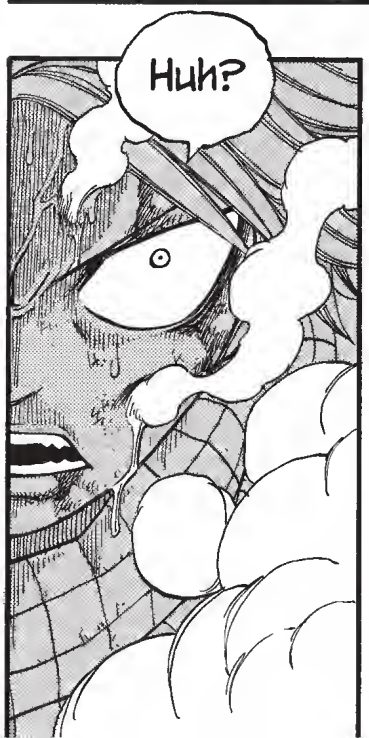

Waah !!
Uh hu!!
Gyaaah !!
Dowaaah !!
Gwaagh !!!
Aaaaa!!!

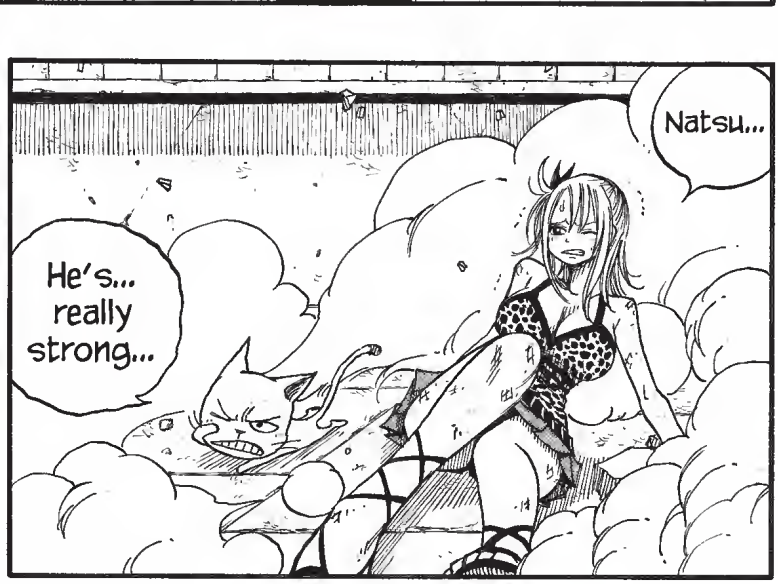



Right, Salamander?
Looks like we finally see whose dragon is stronger...

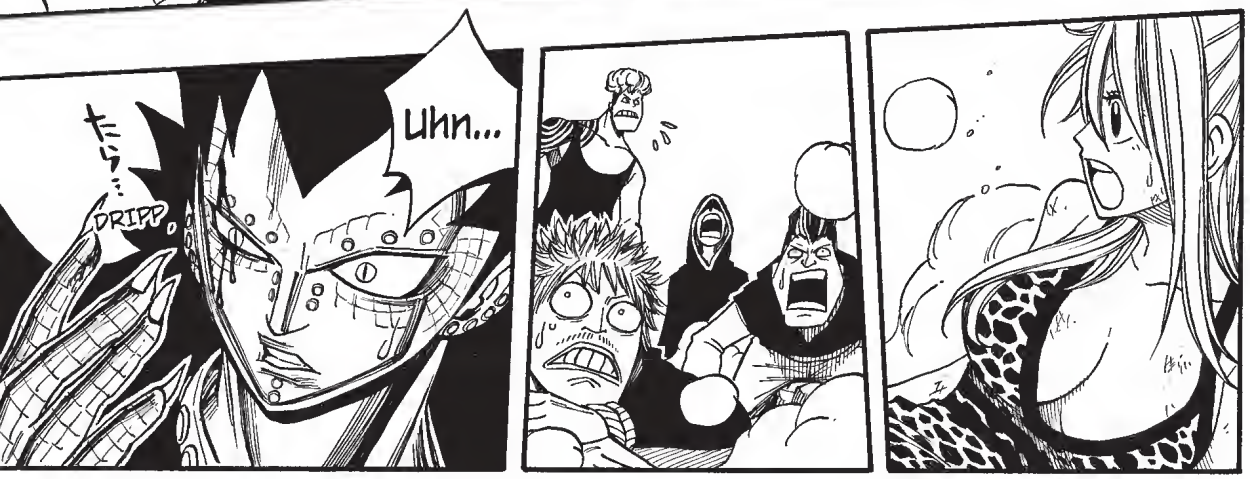
I could be bathed in the flames of your fire-dragon's breath for as long as you like...
...but nothing will put a crack in my steel armor!!

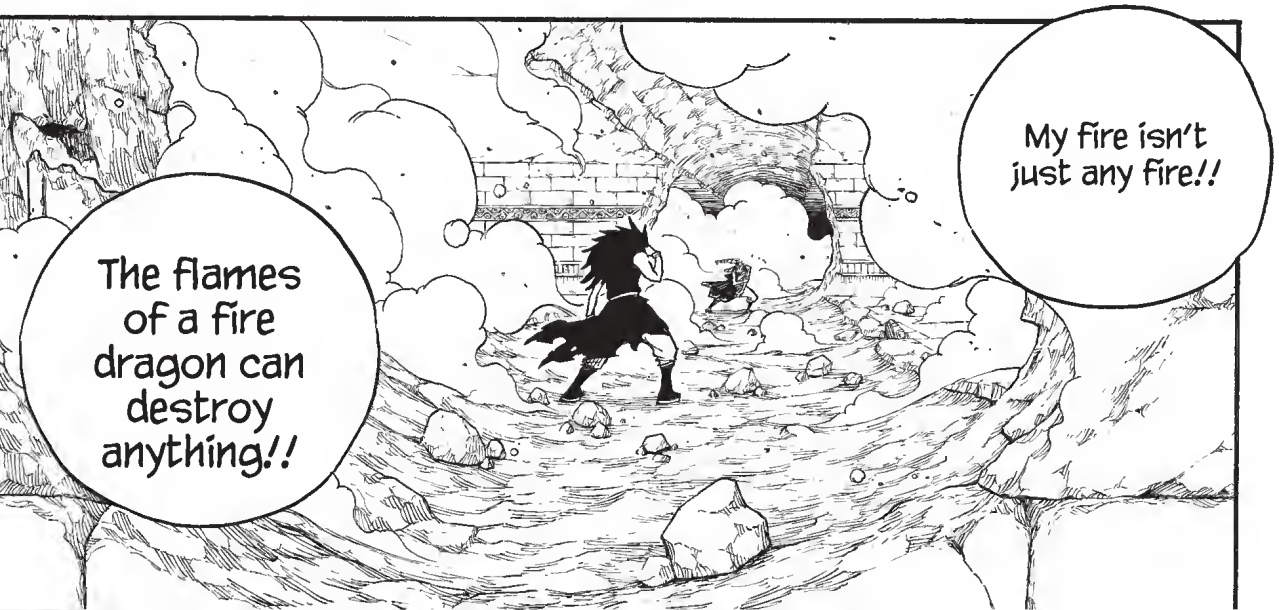

On the other hand, your body is cut to pieces by the iron blades of my breath!!
Um...
Gh...


Huh?


Natsu...
He's... really strong...

CHAKRAK
!!!


Uhn...
DRIPP


My fire isn't just any fire!!
The flames of a fire dragon can destroy anything!!

If you don't come at me with everything you've got, you'll be shattered to pieces, Gajeel Kurogane!!!
The time for testing each other is over! Let's fight!!!
GM
GM
GM
GM
GM
GM
GM
These guys are monsters !!!
You mean they haven't gone full-out yet?!!
They were just testing each other, he says?!
Huh?!
SHVR
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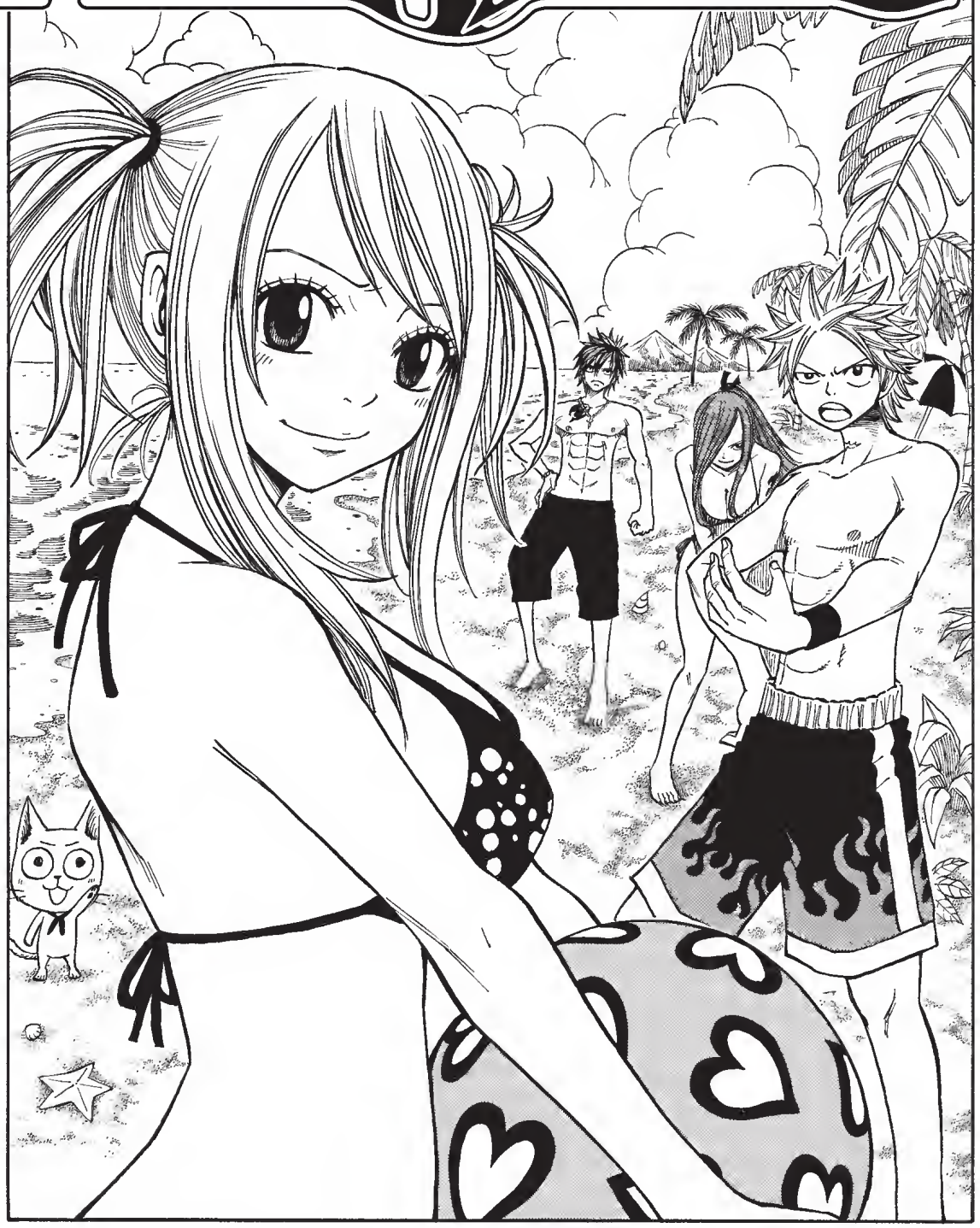
SHVR
The sky isn't big enough for two dragons!!
I'm going to make you fall... Salamander!!!

FAIRY TAIL



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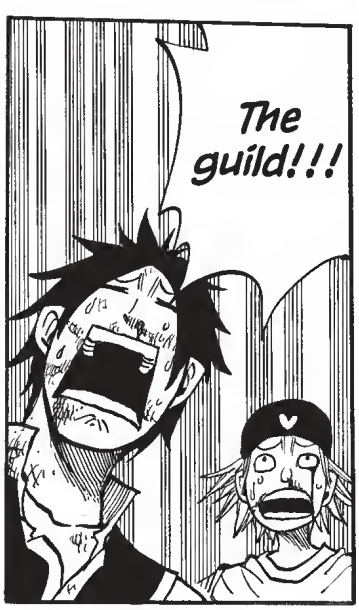
ZLICHAM


The guild!!!

RUMMMBLE

What do you think you're doing to my guild?!!!
Dammit !!!
Our guild is going to break apart!!!
KREEK
CRAKK
KREEK
Don't do that!!!
It's starting to fall apart!!!

GWAM

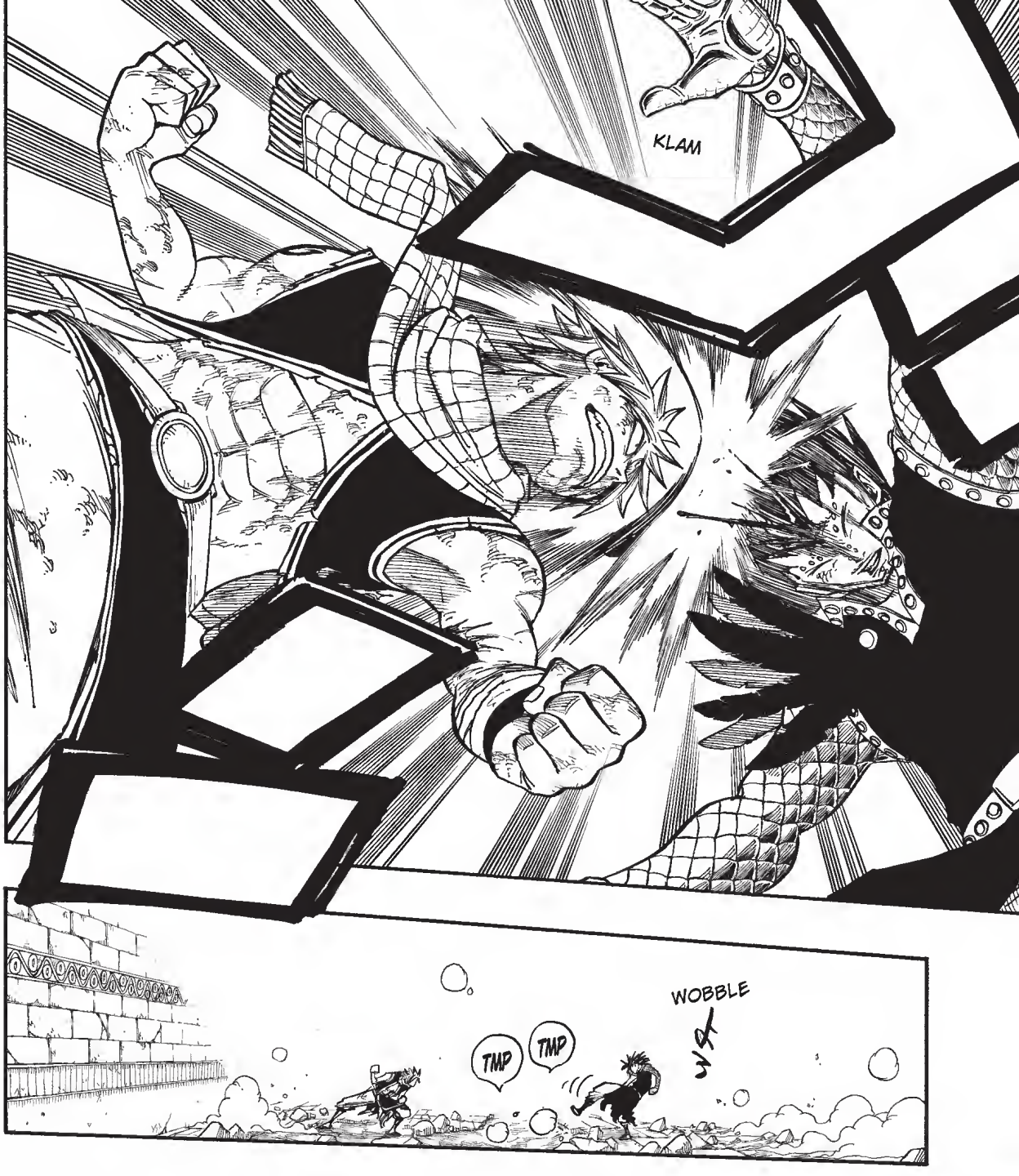
Uwaaaa!!!
What is with those two?!!
Uwhoooo !!!
I see someone's panties!!
Ubwaa!!!
Eeeeehh !!!

Hyaaahh
!!!!
Hoohhhh
!!!!

ZLIGAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
Light...?

!!!
GA CHOOM
Ung!!
GWAM
GWHOOM
Heyaaahh !!!!
Uraahh !!!!
GA GOOM

GOHH
GAM
Rahh!!!
GOHH
Gahh!!!
VWAA
H-Hey... He's keeping up with Gajeel... Gajeel!!!
GAMM
KAKK
BOKOOM
KRAKOW
WHAKK
I-I don't believe it...
I-Incredible...
GACH
BAA KIINN
GEHH!!


KLAM

WOBBLE
TMP
TMP

WHEEZE
PANT
WHEEZE
PANT

Is Gajeel being beaten down...?!
No... Salamander's breathing is pretty ragged, too!

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

KREEK
KRICH
CRACKL
KRAK
CRUNCH
CRENCH
MUNCH
You creep!! That's no fair!!!
Eating all by yourself like that!!!
So he really does eat metal...

*Iron Dragon Lance: Demon Logs
ZUGAM
スーカ!!
GAM
Tetsuryû Sô: Kishin !!!!!*
GAM
カ!!
GAM
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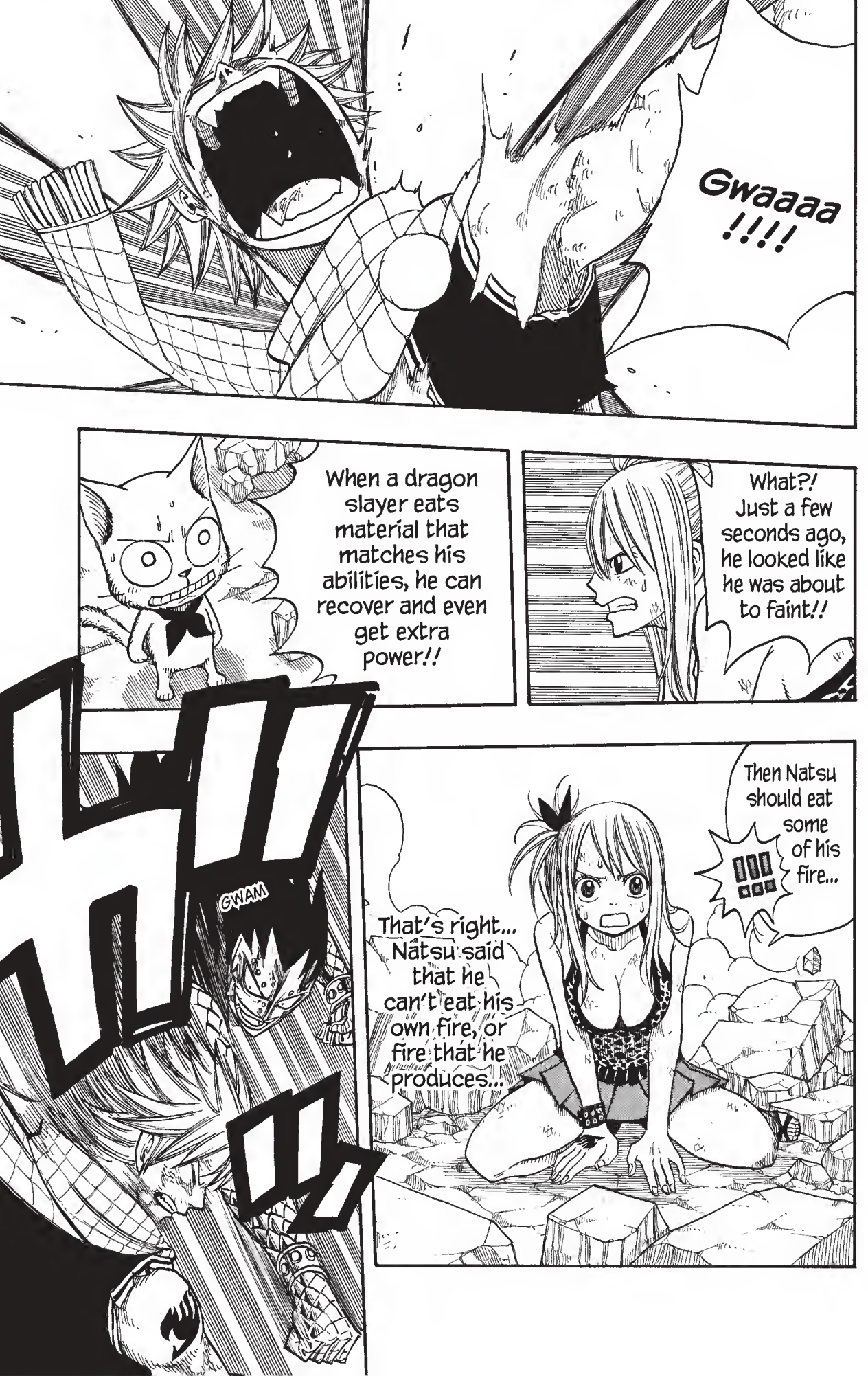
GAM
カ!!


Gwaaaa !!!!
When a dragon slayer eats material that matches his abilities, he can recover and even get extra power!!
What?! Just a few seconds ago, he looked like he was about to faint!!
Then Natsu should eat some of his fire...
That's right... Natsu said that he can't eat his own fire, or fire that he produces...
GWAM

SHF
SHF
Fire!!!
Fire!!!
I know I've got a celestial spirit that can give me fire!!!
ZUMPH
GAH!!
SPTT
I've...
...lost my keys...
The only one I have on hand is the new one, Sagittarius!!
Gwaah !!
BAMiKAM
I don't have a contract yet, but this is the only card I have to play!!!
WHOOSH

Open!!! Gate of the Man-Horse Palace!!!
I call as one who is bound to the path of the celestial spirit world...
I call on you to answer and pass through your gate!!!
ヒヒーン
HEEHEE
Sagittarius!!!!
HEEEEEN
I come!! Moshi-moshi!!
All right!!! You're here!!!
A man in a horse costume?!!
We'll have to save the details for later!! Do you have any kind of fire beam or attack like that?
I do not! I only claim to be very accurate with a bow and arrow. Moshi-moshi.

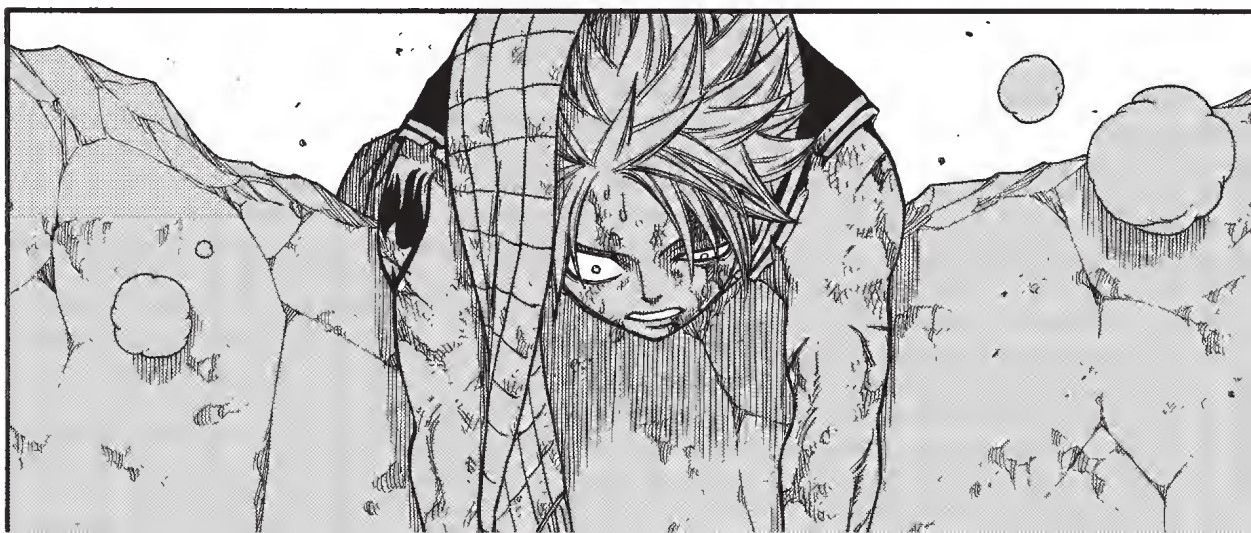
Just how useless am I?!!
Yes, sir!
Lucy!!! It isn't safe here!!! Get back!!!
DOGOHHHH
Dohyahh !!
WHAM

Are you so hungry you can't even put up a good fight?
GANK
!!!
Well?
Then eat hot iron!!!!
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
GAM
Gwaaaaahhhh!!!!
I've got no more use for you anymore!!
So Gajeel is stronger...
Urg...

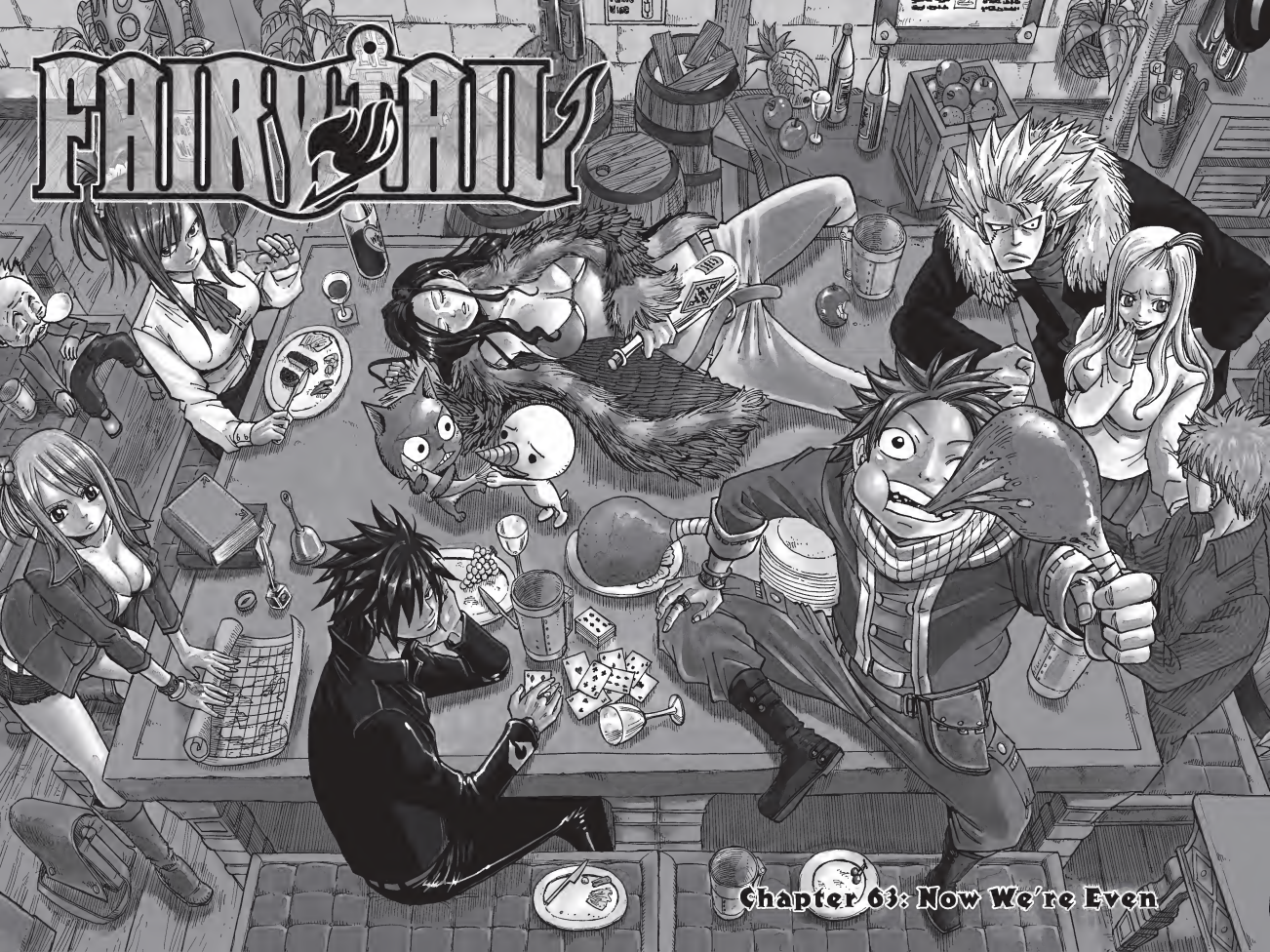
GWAM
So get lost, you trash!!!!
DO SHAKK

That's our Gajeel !!!
All right !!!
Natsu can't have lost...
No...
Y-You're kidding...
Look!!
Look at what you were trying to protect!!

DOOGRAAGGGHH
Fairy Tail is...!!!!



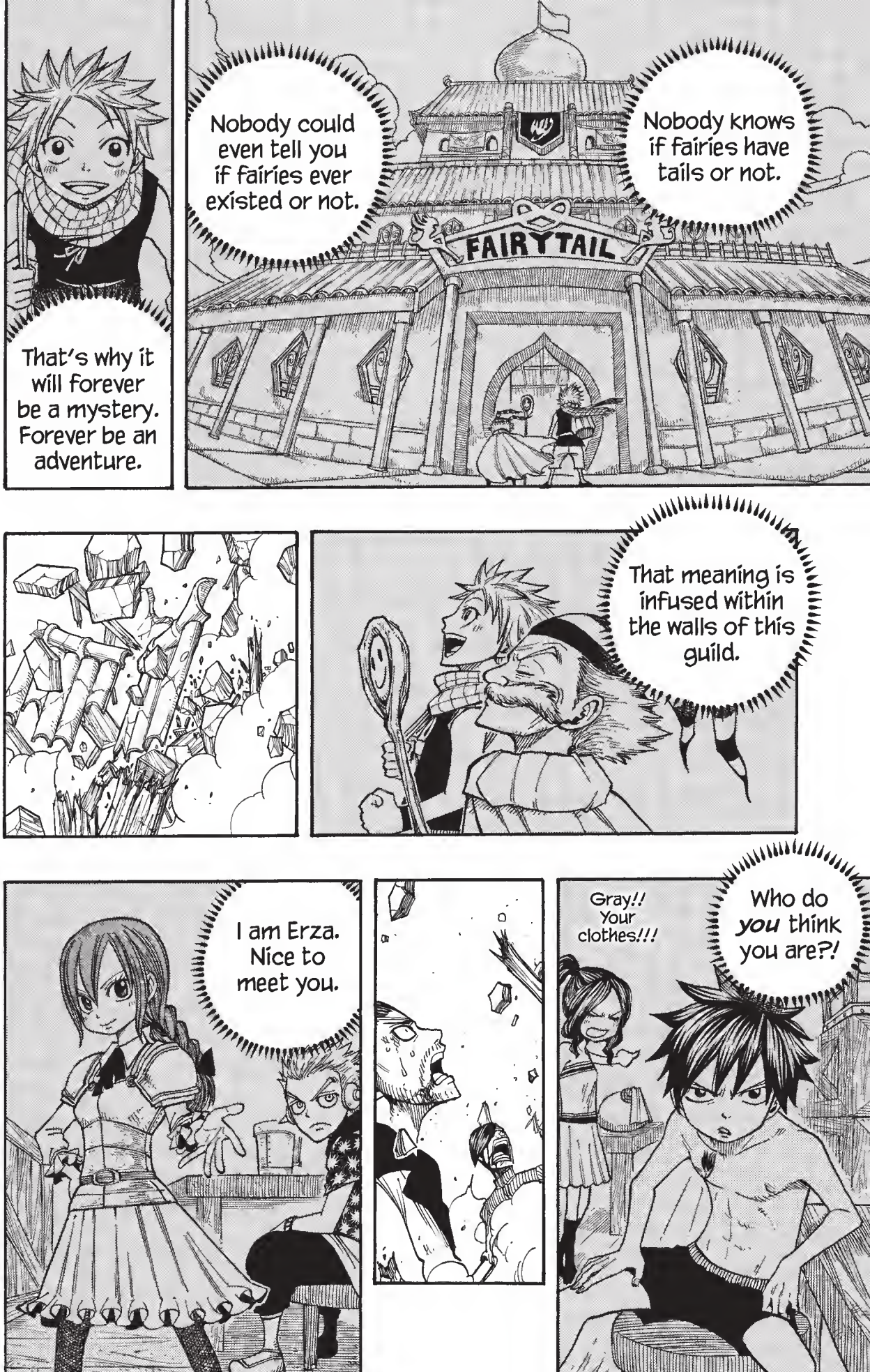
ガラッゼバゴ
DOOGRAAGGGHH
Fairy Tail is...!!!!
ガラ
GRANCH
FAIRY TAIL

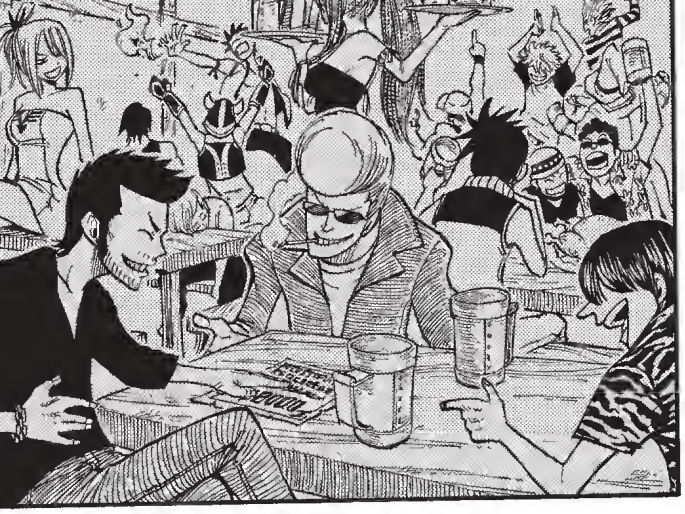


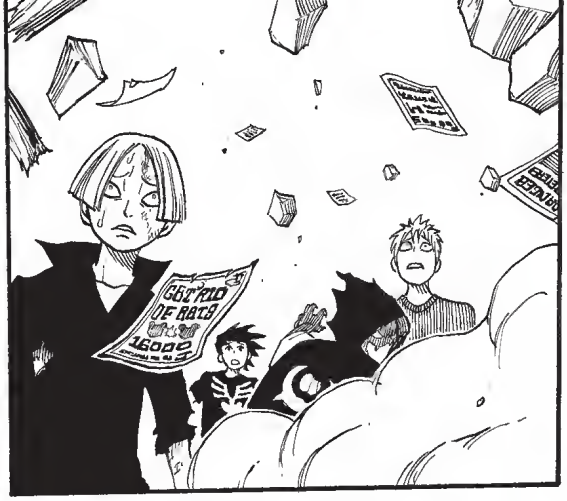
Chapter 63: Now We're Even

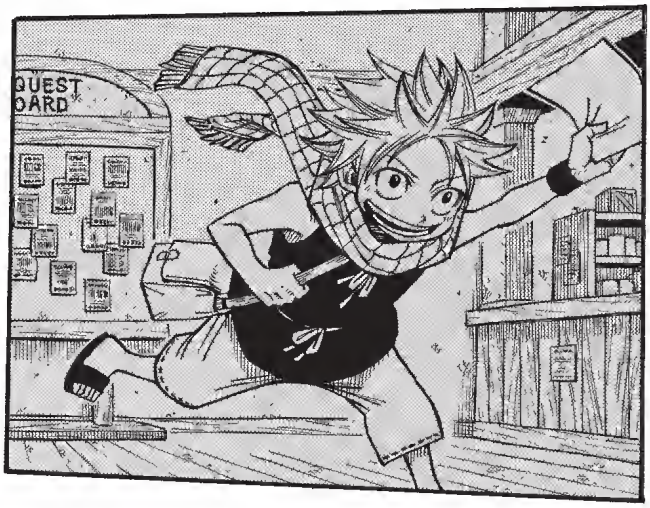
FAIRY TAIL

DGMM
GM
So this is the kind of place where wizards come and meet up?!!
Wow!! This place is huge!!!
GM
GM
GM
Fairy... Tail?
CRKCH
GM
It's called Fairy Tail.


That's why it will forever be a mystery. Forever be an adventure.
Nobody could even tell you if fairies ever existed or not.
Nobody knows if fairies have tails or not.
FAIRY TAIL
That meaning is infused within the walls of this guild.
I am Erza. Nice to meet you.
Gray!! Your clothes!!!
Who do *you* think you are?!




GUILD OF RATS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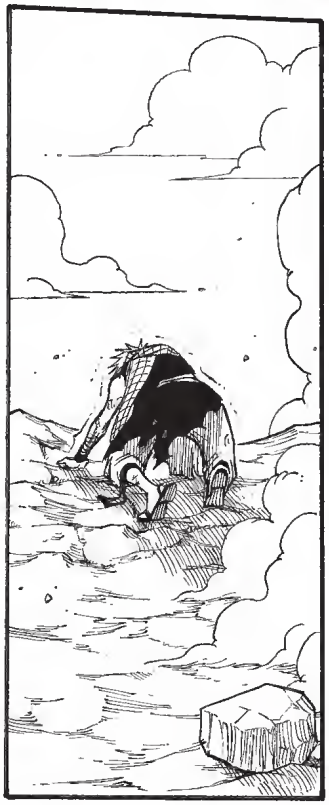
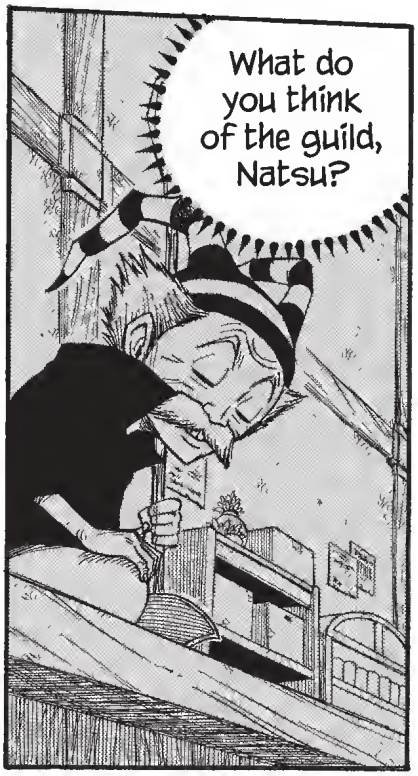
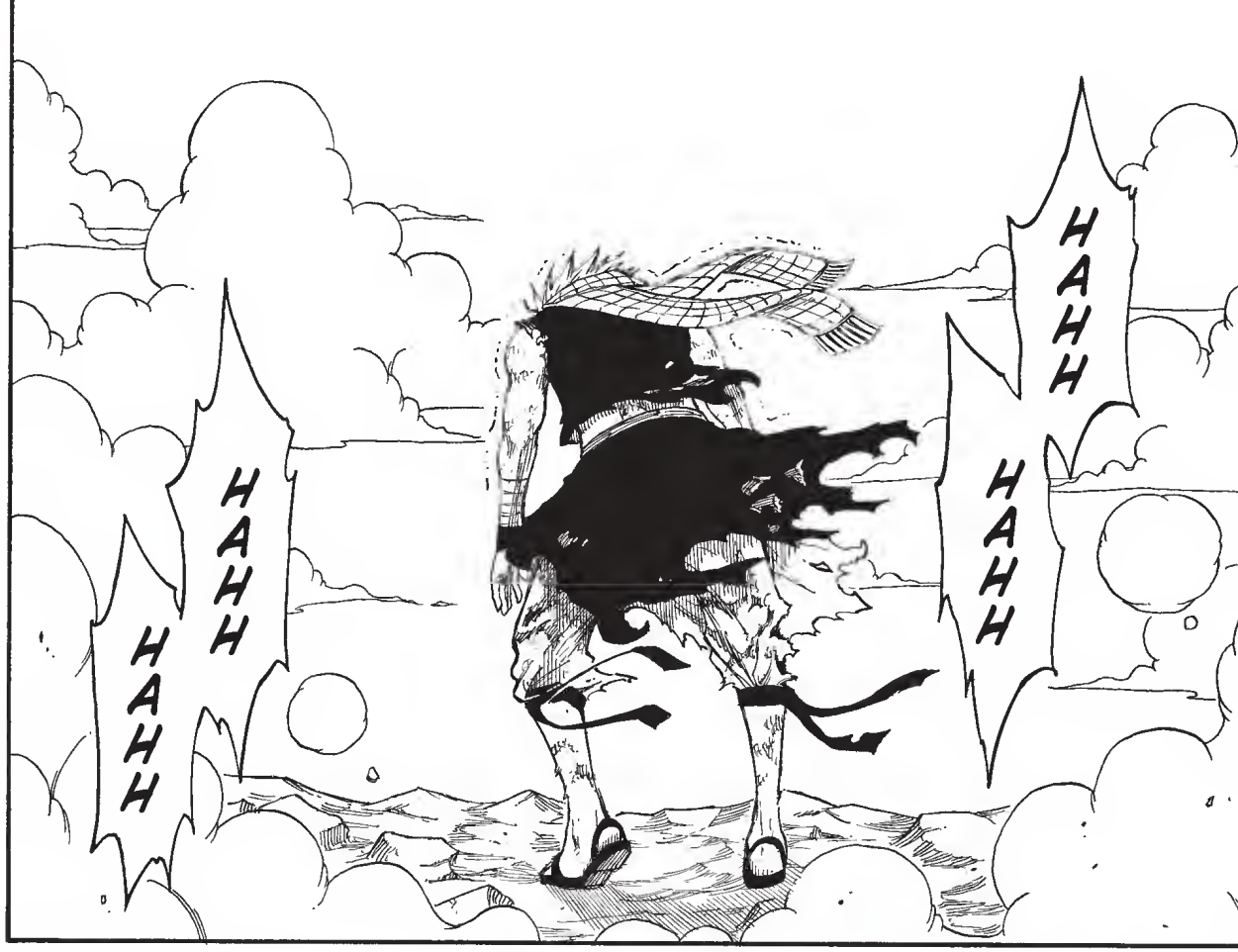
BOARD



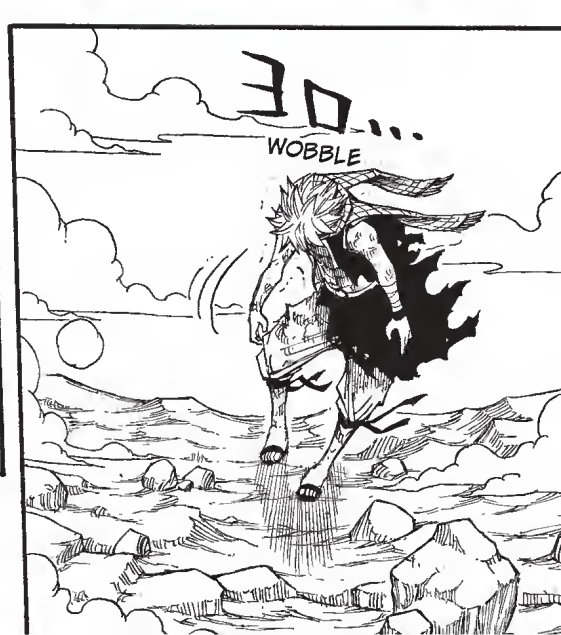
I like it!!!
I want to be a member of this place!!!

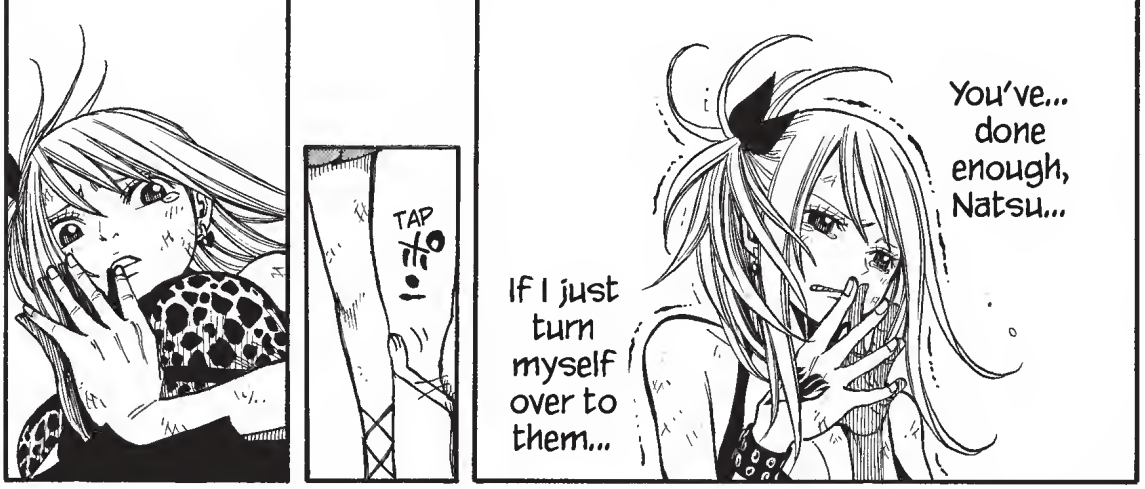

What do you think of the guild, Natsu?

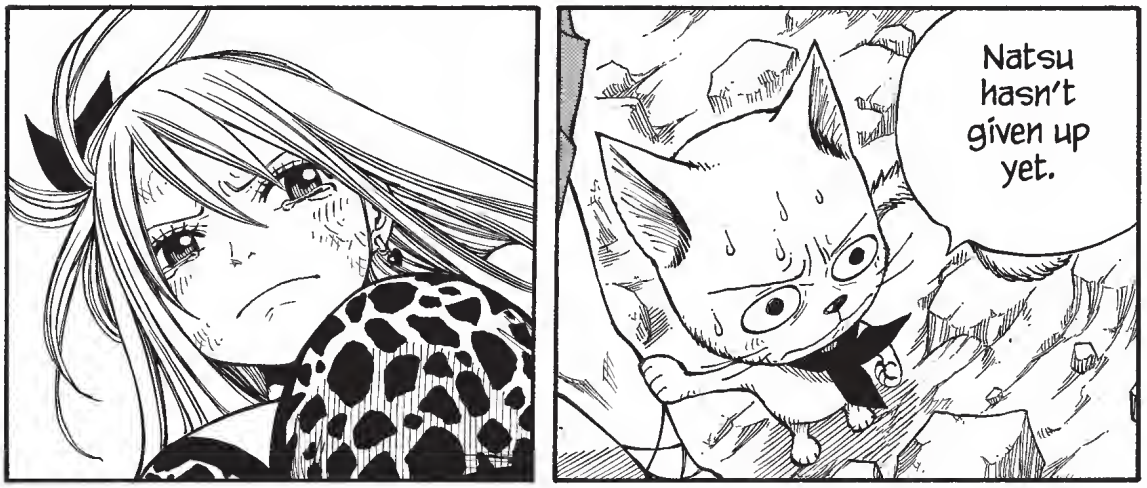

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

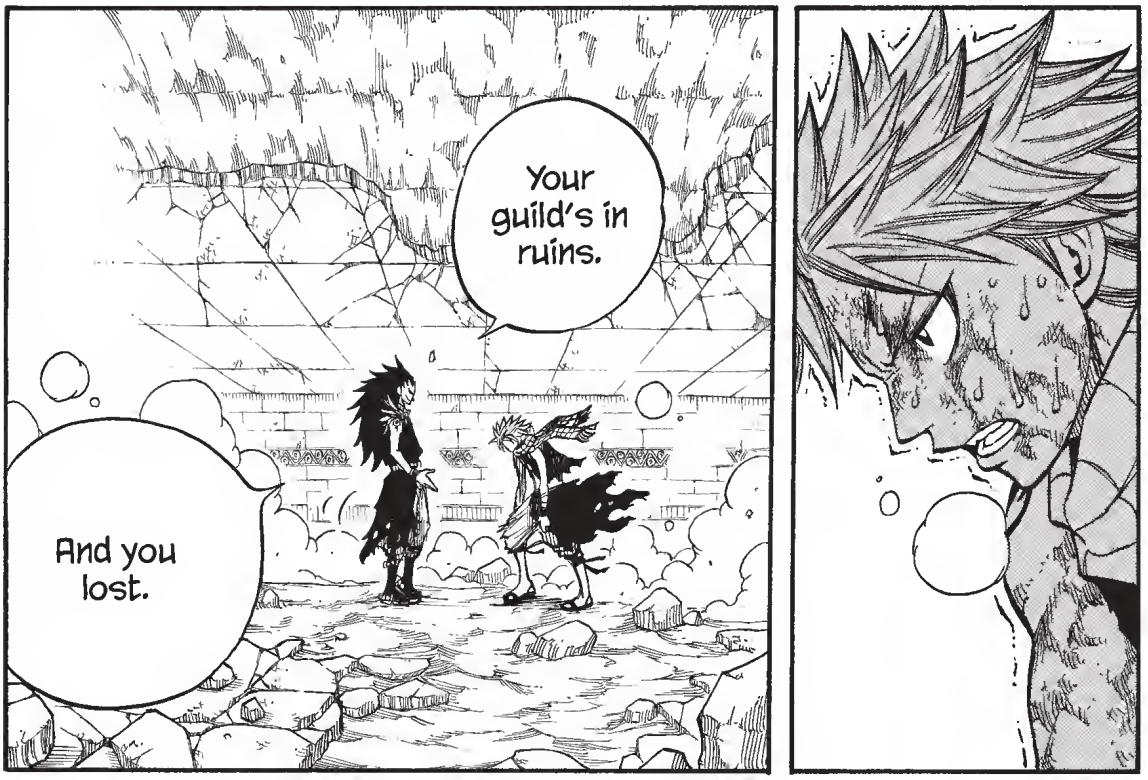
Y-You gotta be kidding...!
H-He stood up...!!!

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

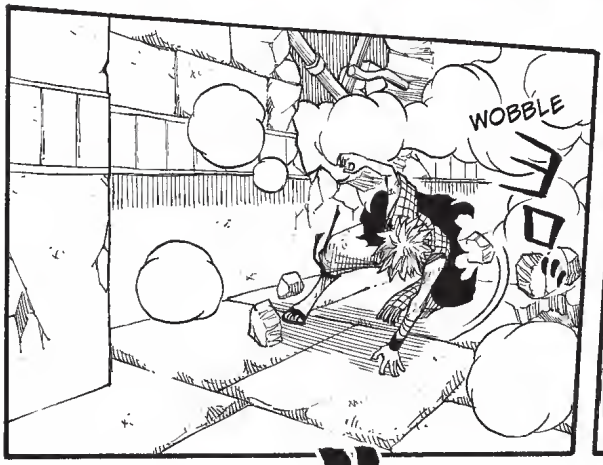

WOBBLE

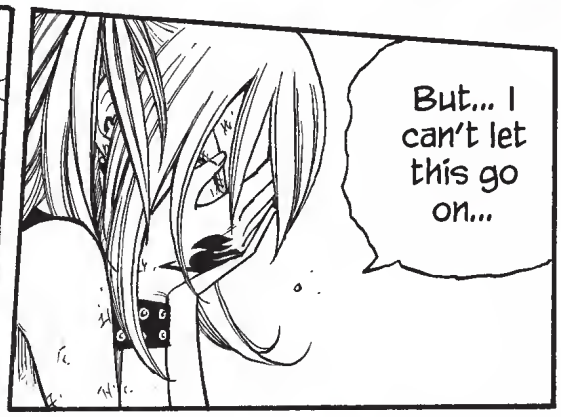

TAP
If I just turn myself over to them...
You've... done enough, Natsu...


Natsu hasn't given up yet.

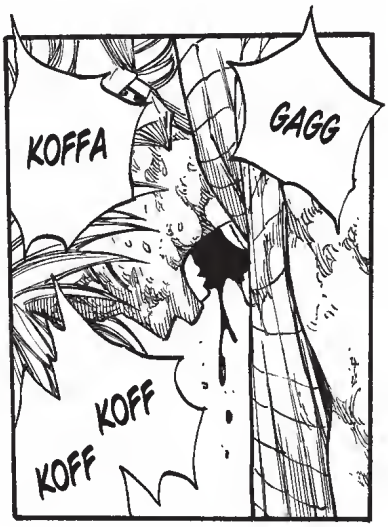

Your guild's in ruins.
And you lost.

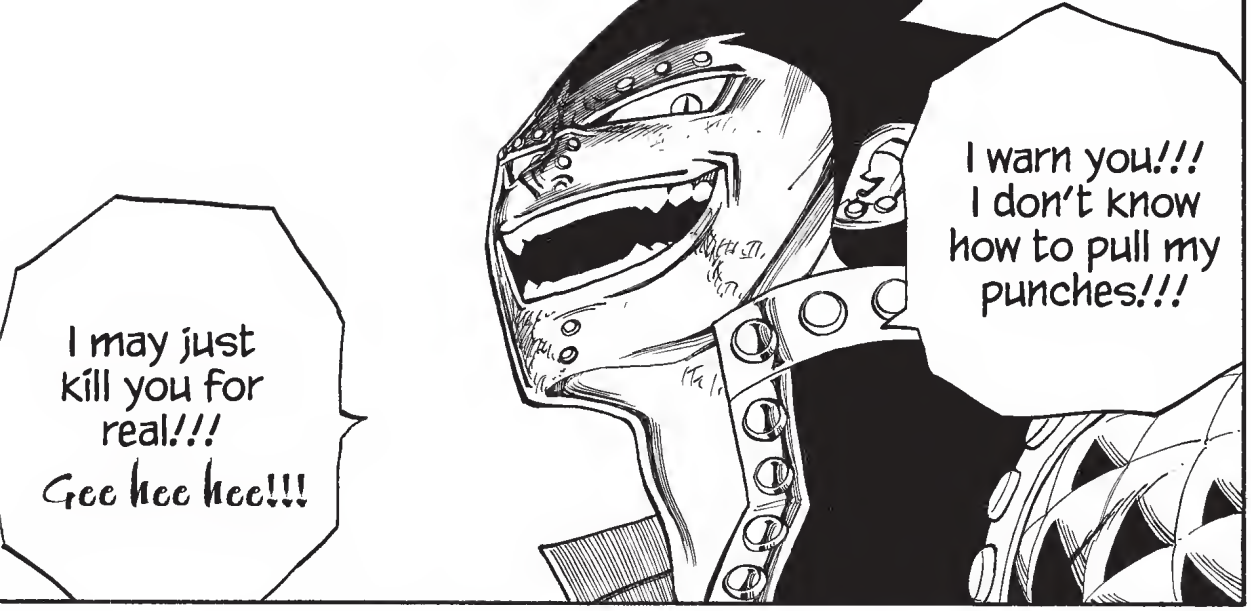
GAA SHOOM
Gwaahh!!!

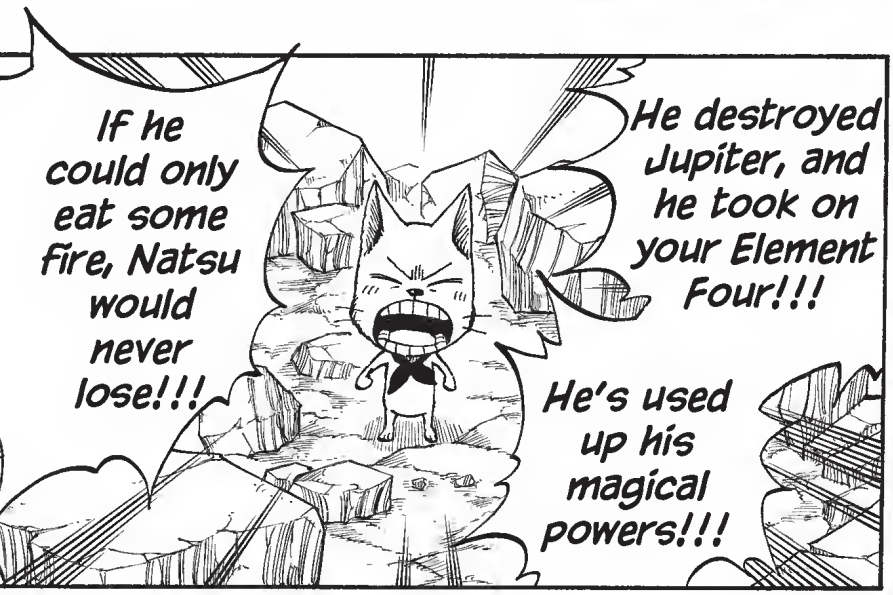

WOBBLE


But... I can't let this go on...

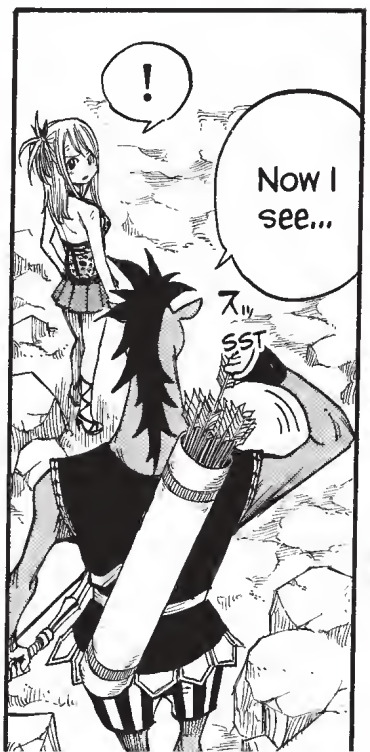
Just go down and stay down, Salamander!!!!
KRAM
GANCH
GONFF
Uwahh...


GAGG
KOFFA
KOFF
KOFF


I warn you!!! I don't know how to pull my punches!!!
I may just kill you for real!!! Gee hee hee!!!


If he could only eat some fire, Natsu would never lose!!!
He destroyed Jupiter, and he took on your Element Four!!!
He's used up his magical powers!!!

It seems we've had a bit of a miscommunication between us. Moshi-moshi.
GRN
GRN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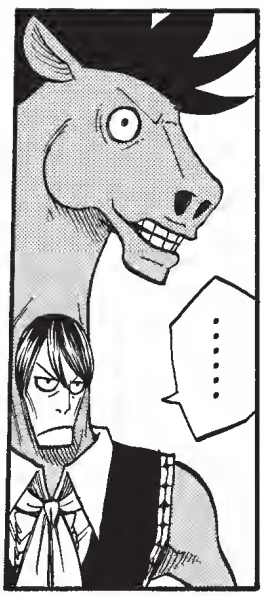
Now I see...
SST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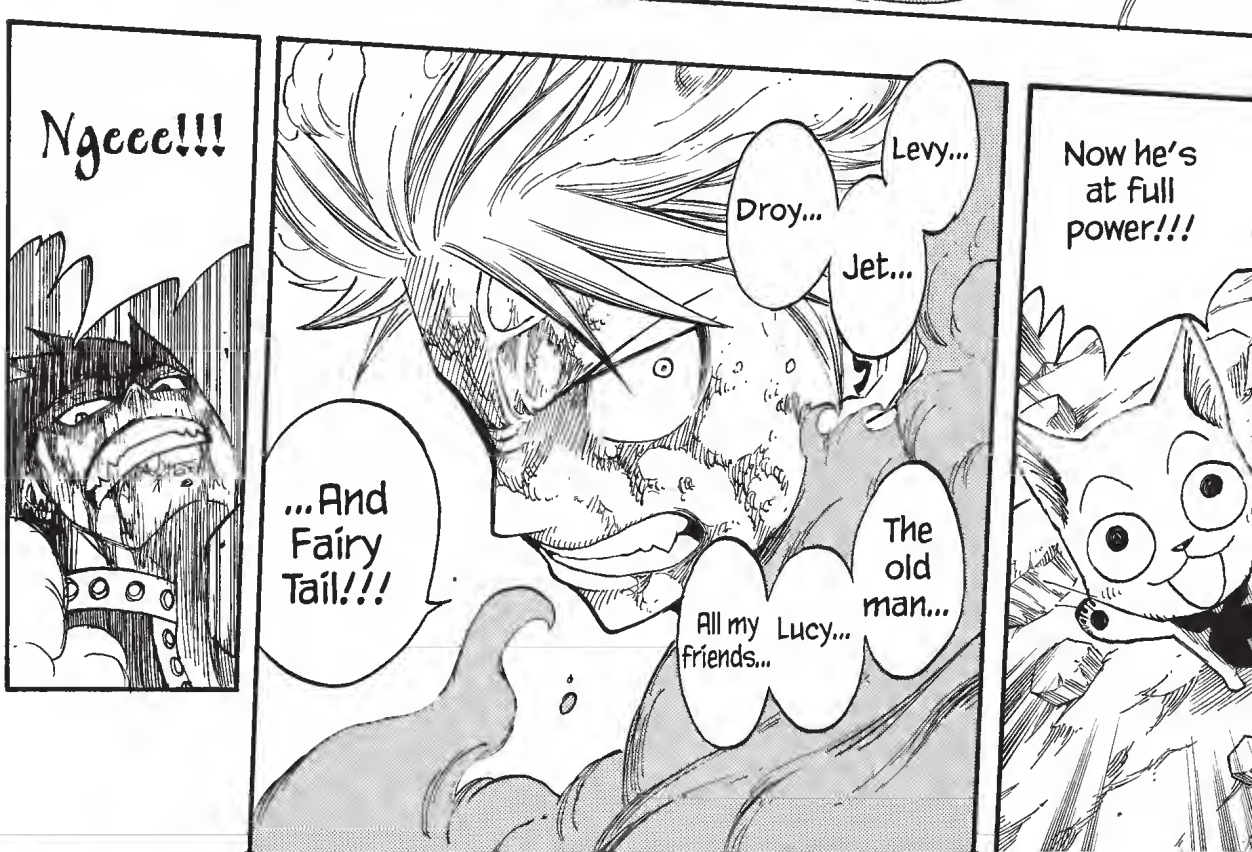
You, Miss Lucy, asked if I had any fire attacks, and I replied that I did not.
GRRRRN
?
However... the important point wasn't that I produce the fire, but that fire itself be produced, correct?
Moshi-moshi.
This is the end of you, Salamander !!!
SLUMP
Don't do it!!!!
ZWIKK

GWOOM
GWOOGH
ZWAKK
GAMPH
GOBBLE
All right!!!
He's hitting the equipment and setting it ablaze!!
Fire!!!

!!!
BWOOM
ZWAKK
ZWAKK
What's that horse-like thing supposed to be?!!
GOBBLE
GOBBLE
GOBBLE
Woaah !!!
Depending on the method by which one shoots, an arrow can pierce, it can break its target apart...
...or it can set fire to equipment. All these things are possible. Moshi-moshi.

Thanks, Lucy!!
Mmm... That was good.
Wow!!! You're an absolute genius with a bow, Sagittarius !!!
This just means we're on equal footing!!
Don't get all cocky just because you ate a little flame!!!!
Sure!!
!!!
GLARE

Gwaaa !!!
GOOMM

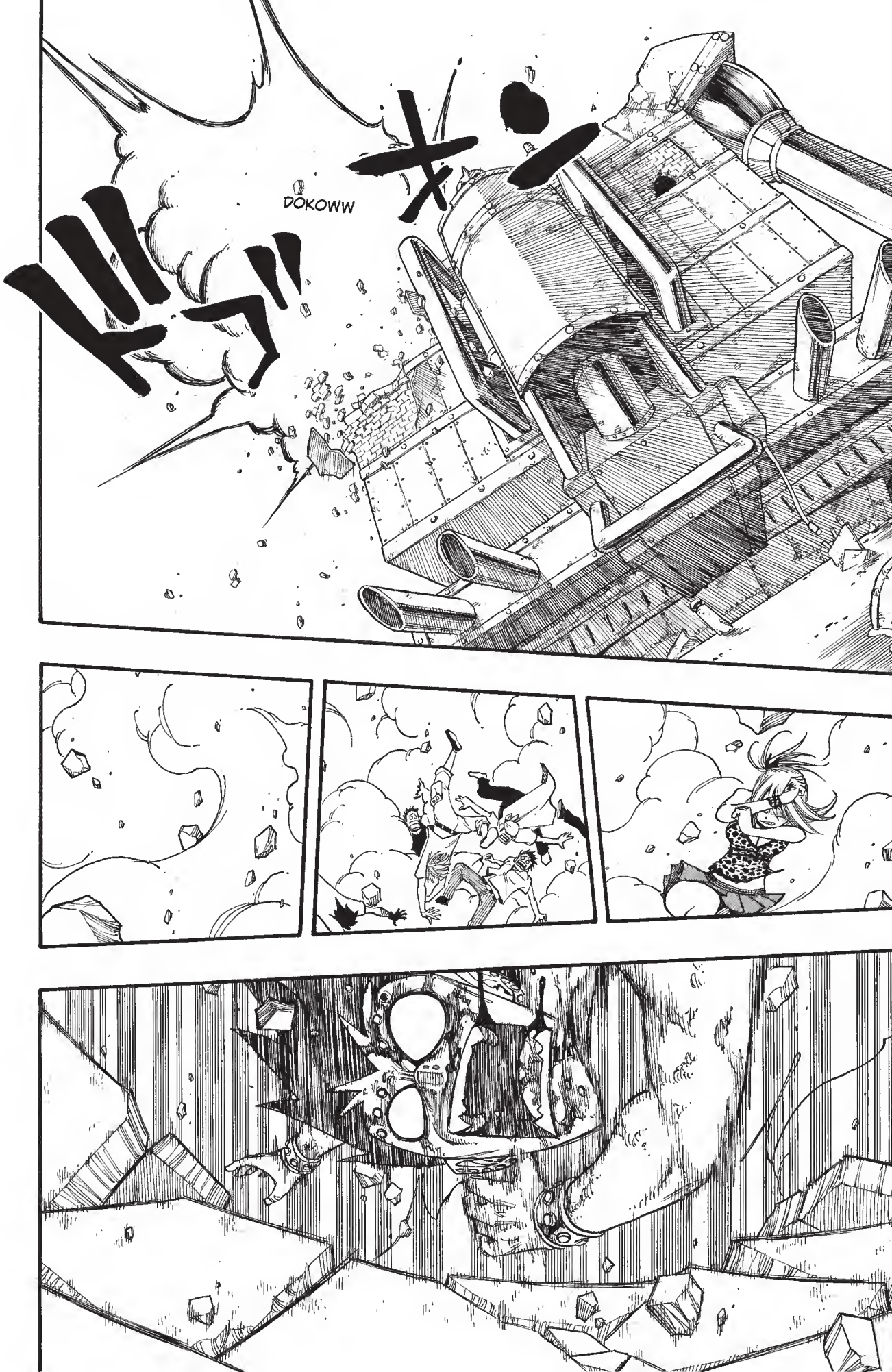

Ngeee!!!
...And Fairy Tail!!!
All my friends...
Lucy...
The old man...
Jet...
Droy...
Levy...
Now he's at full power!!!

Tetsuryû no Hôkô!!!!*
GWAAA
*Iron Dragon's Roar
WHOOSH
ZUU DOHHH

He... he sent it back at me...?!
How many people do you have to hurt before you guys are satisfied?!!!!

...little piece of trash!!!!
Th-This is impos-sible !!!!
I can't lose to this...
You made your biggest mistake when you decided to tangle with Fairy Tail!!!!
You've done a whole lot, and I'm going to pay you back for all of it right now!!!!
...the stron-gest...
I am...

Guren: Karyû-ken!!!!!*
*Flame Lotus: Fire Dragon Fist!!!!!
Aaaa-aaaaa!!!
GAM
ZUGAM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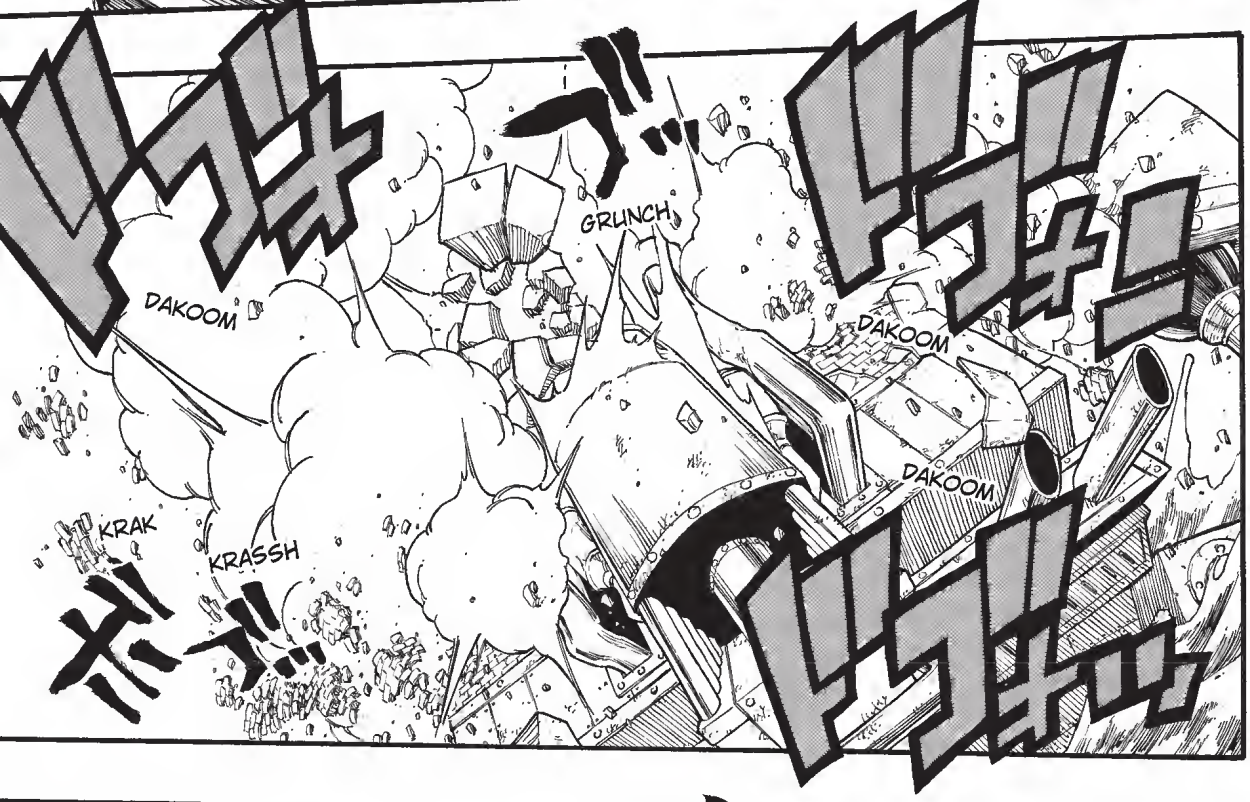
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DAKOOM
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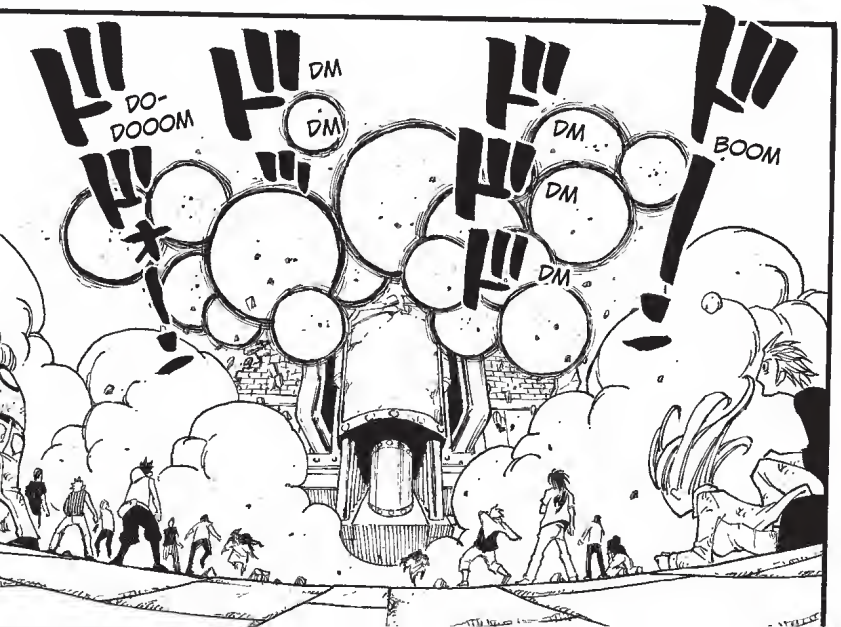
KRAK
KRASSH


DO-DOOOM
DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
BOOM

Is the Phantom's guild exploding?
Wh-What is that?!!

DOO-GOOOOM

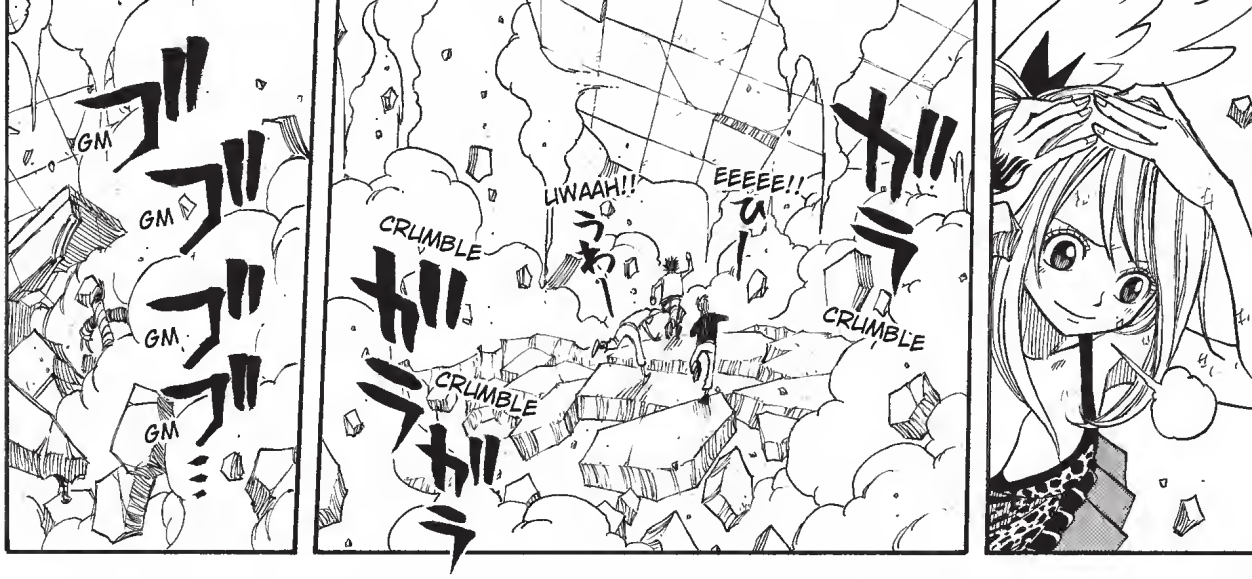
...we're even.
Now...

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 64:
The Best Guild

ZLILIGMMMGMM
Aah!!
CRUMBLE

WHUD
VWOOSH
Natsu !!!
That did it!! Now I can't even move!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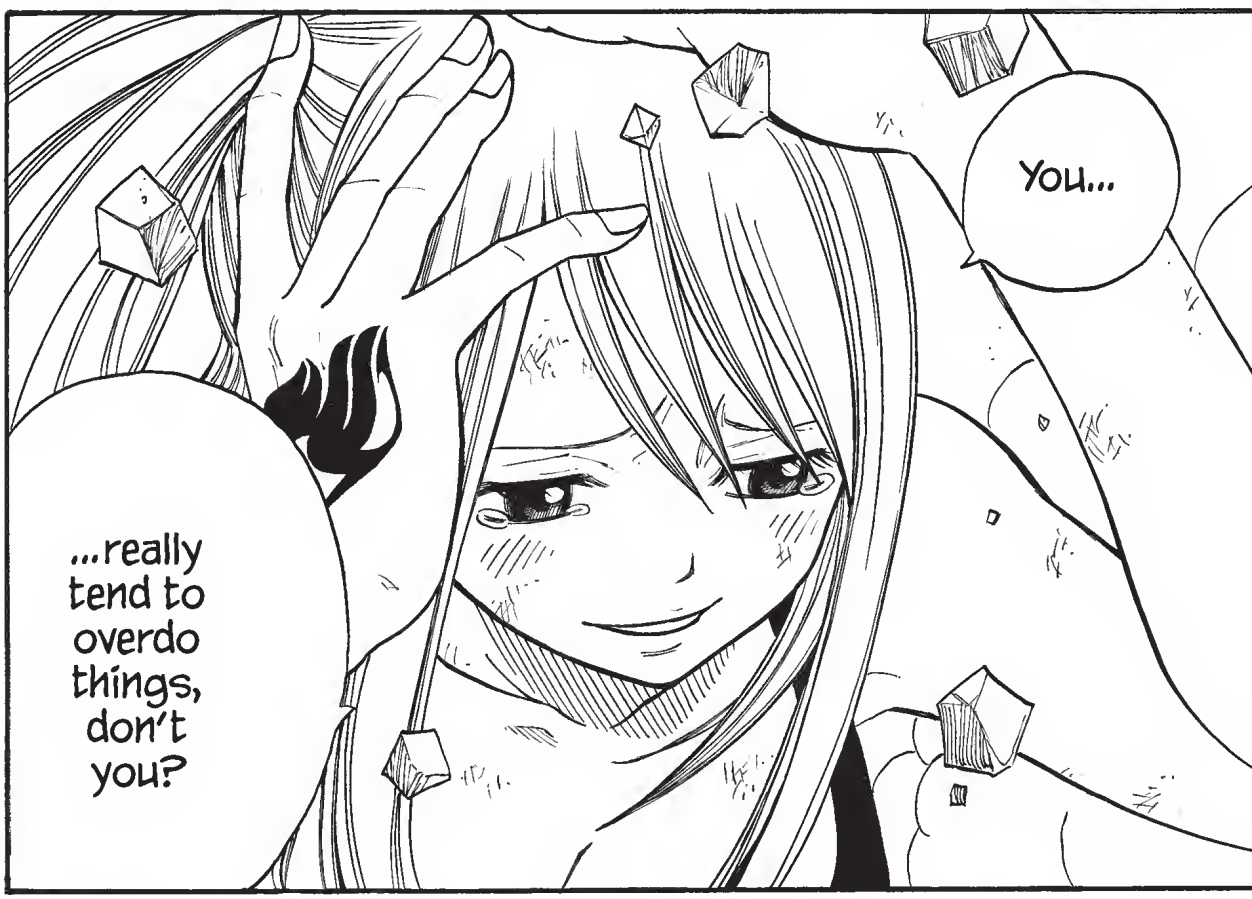
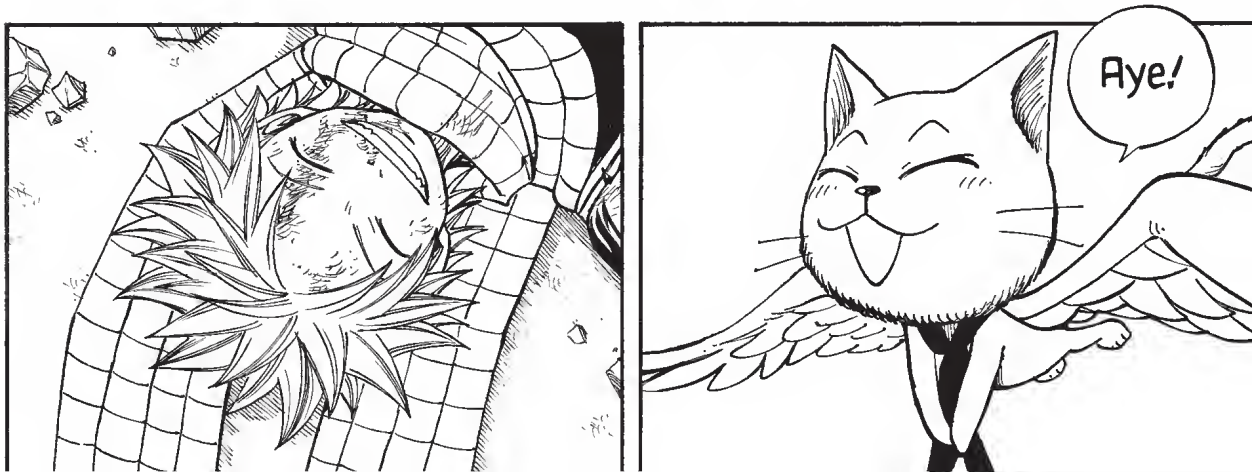
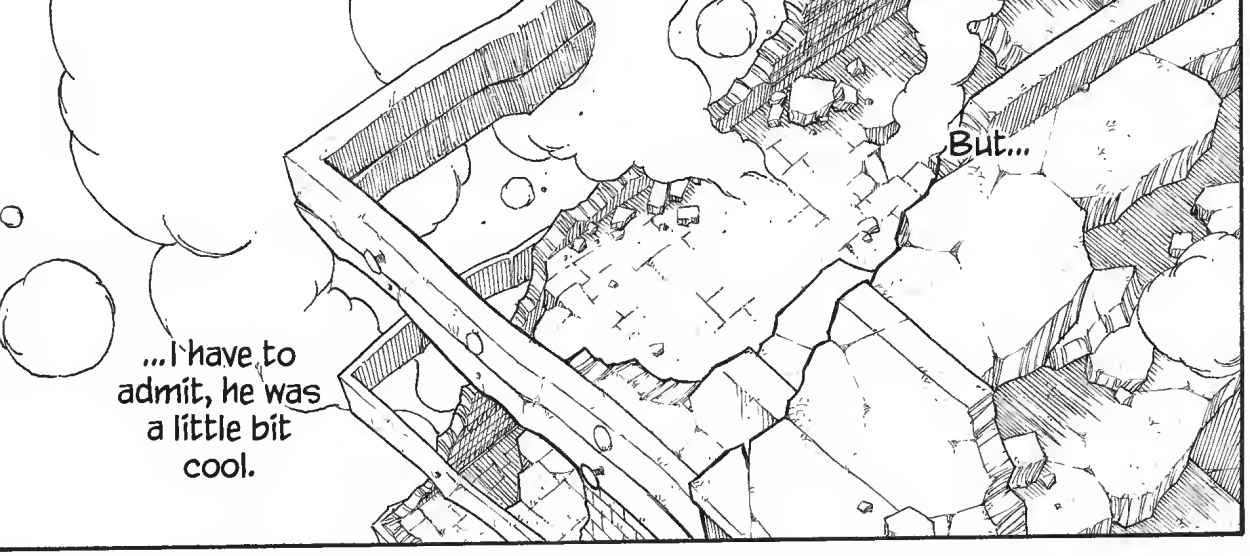
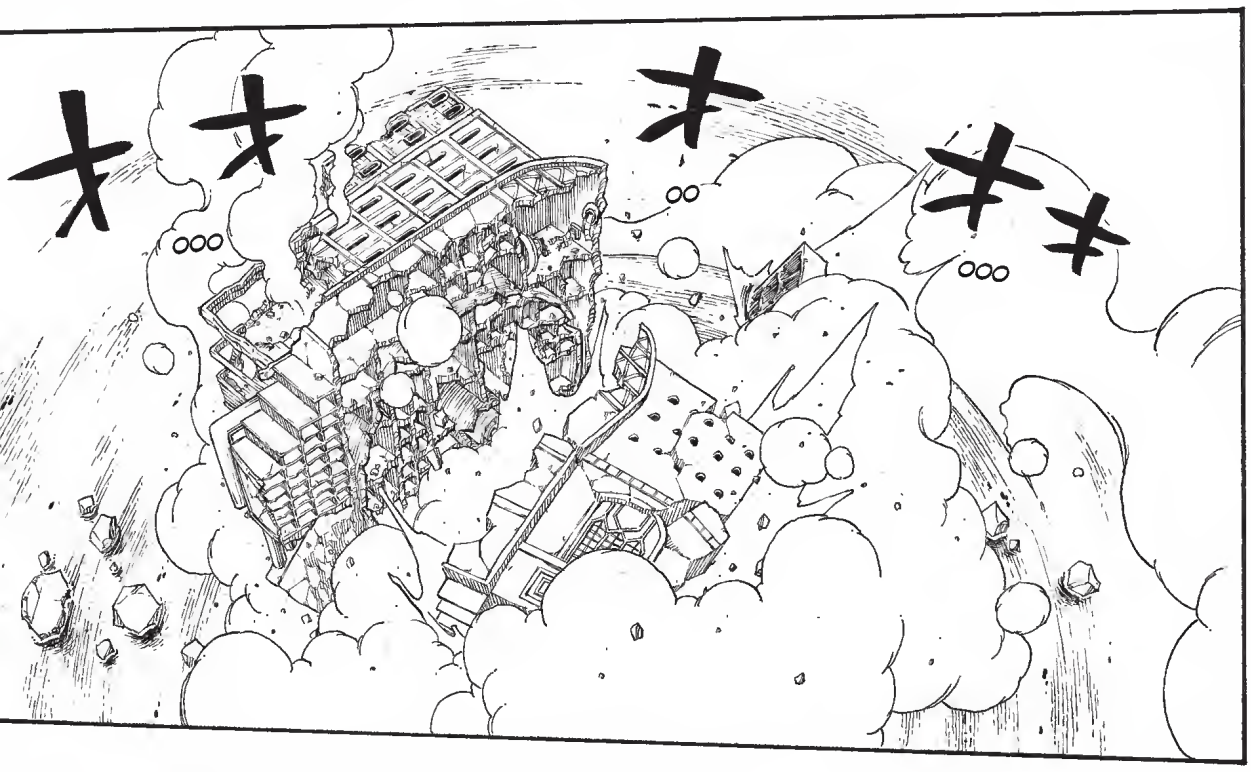
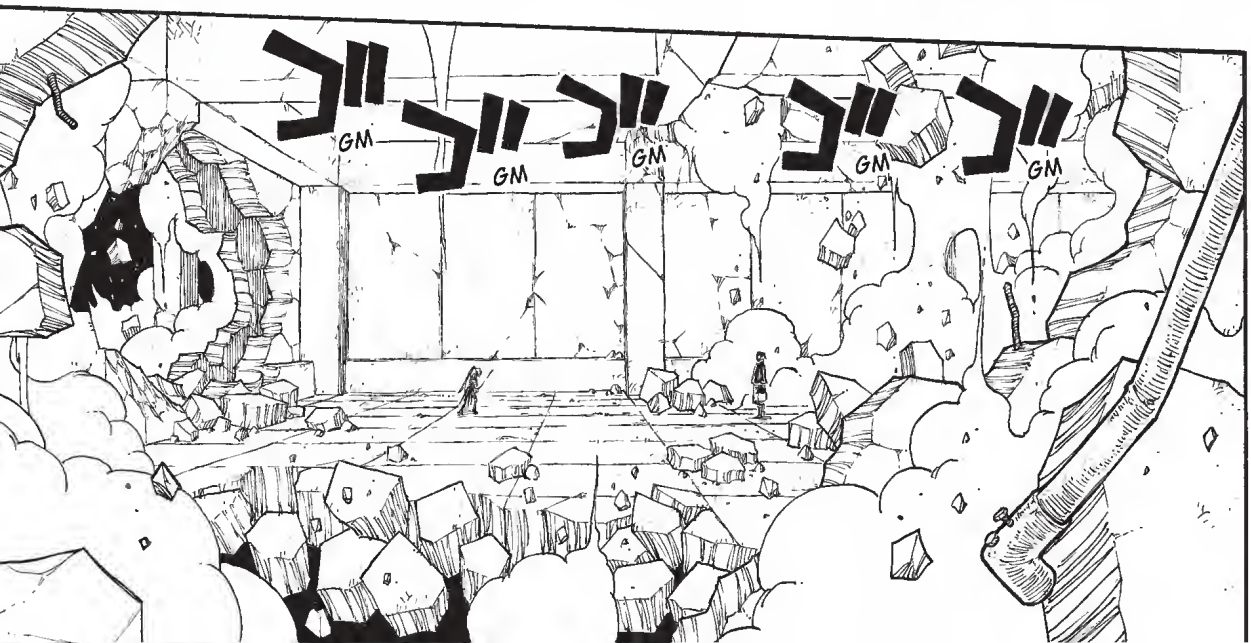
ゴゴゴゴ
CRUMBLE
ガラガラ
CRUMBLE
UWAAH!!
うわー
EEEEE!!
ひー
ガラ
CRUMBLE


You...
...really tend to overdo things, don't you?


Aye!


But...
...I have to admit, he was a little bit cool.



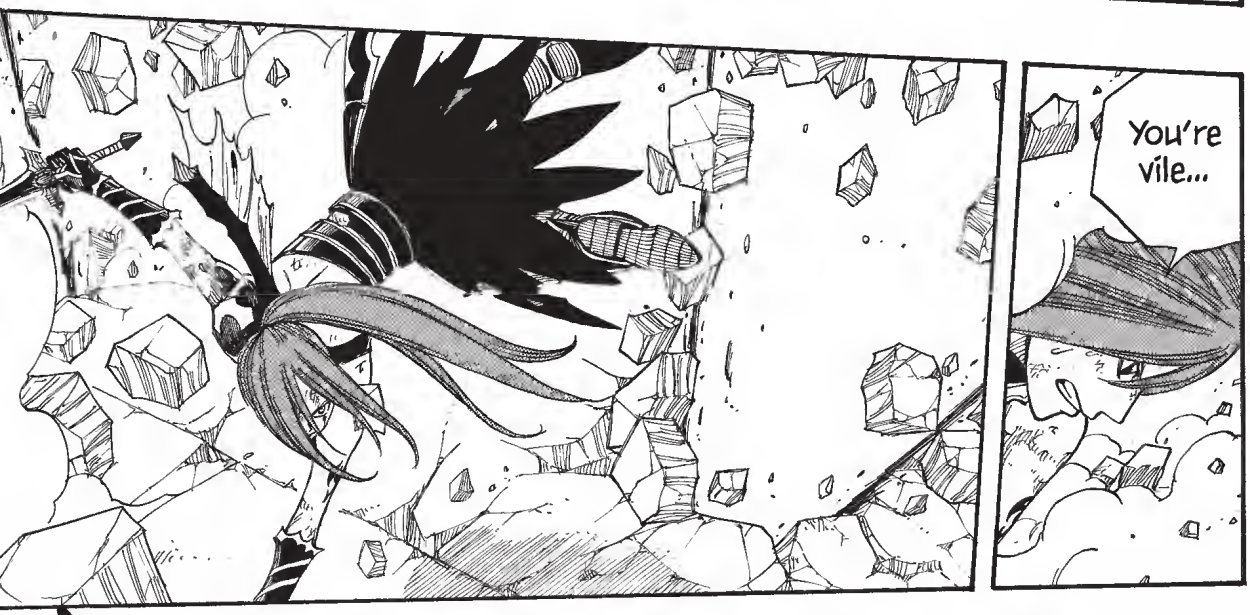

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
GM
GM
GM
GM
GM

Those dragons can really go on a rampage.
Keh heh...
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
KRESH
I see you weren't able to figure Natsu's battle strength into your calculations.
H-He's probably on a par with me. It's possible that he is even more powerful...

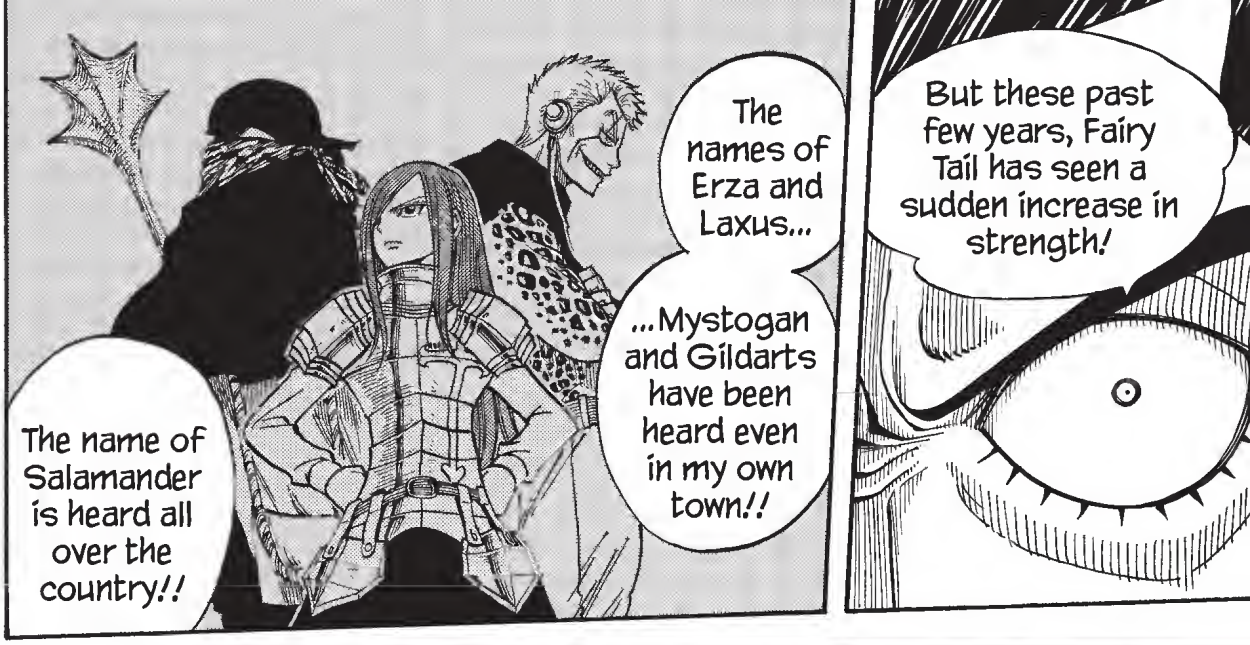
Your magic is praiseworthy. I have never seen a wizard who is able to come so far in a battle with me.
Humph!
Cut the false modesty, Titania.
I certainly will *not* accept that there are any greater within Makarov's guild!!!
ZUVWAA
I doubt there are any wizards who are greater.
And if you hadn't taken the damage from Jupiter, you might have been able to fight even longer.
Uhhnn!!
BA CHAM

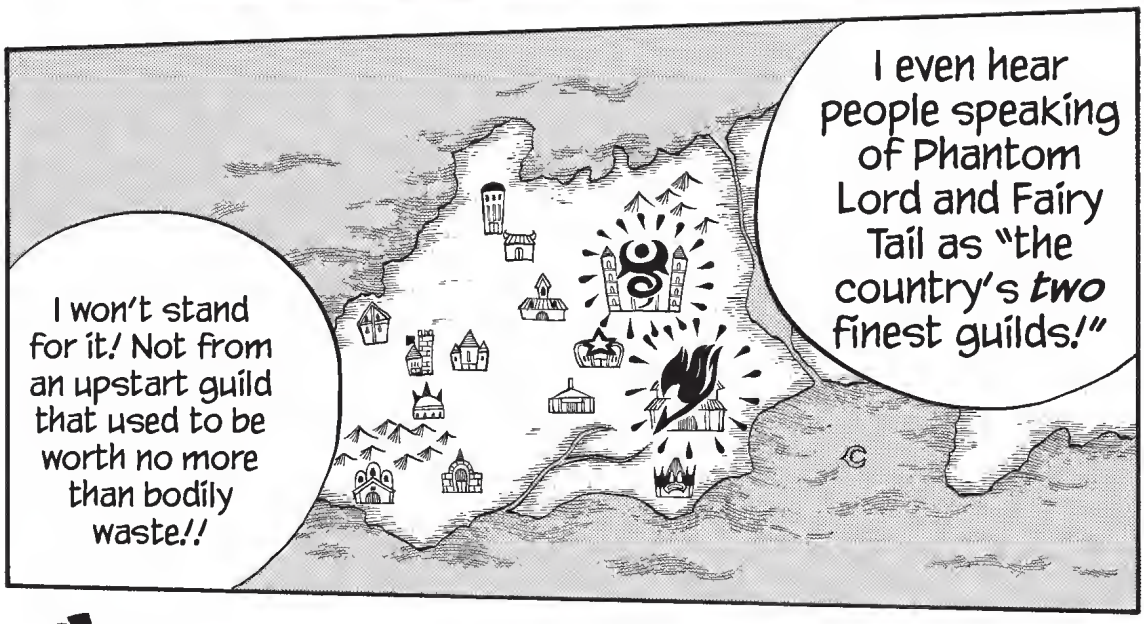
VOOSH
Have you figured out why I left Makarov alive?
DO KAM
DOKOOM
GRUNCH
GOOM
Despair!!
It is to instill despair in him!!
!!!
BOOM
When he finally awakens, he'll find his beloved guild and all his friends annihilated!!
Heh heh heh... Oh, he'll be so sad!!

I refuse to give him a quick death!!!! I will make him suffer anguish and misery!!! When he has felt agony, only then will I kill him!!!!
Only after I have treated him to heart-rending despair will I kill him!!


You're vile...

BOOM
We have the best magic, the best wizards, and the most money of any in the country!!
BOOM
Phantom Lord has always been the best!!

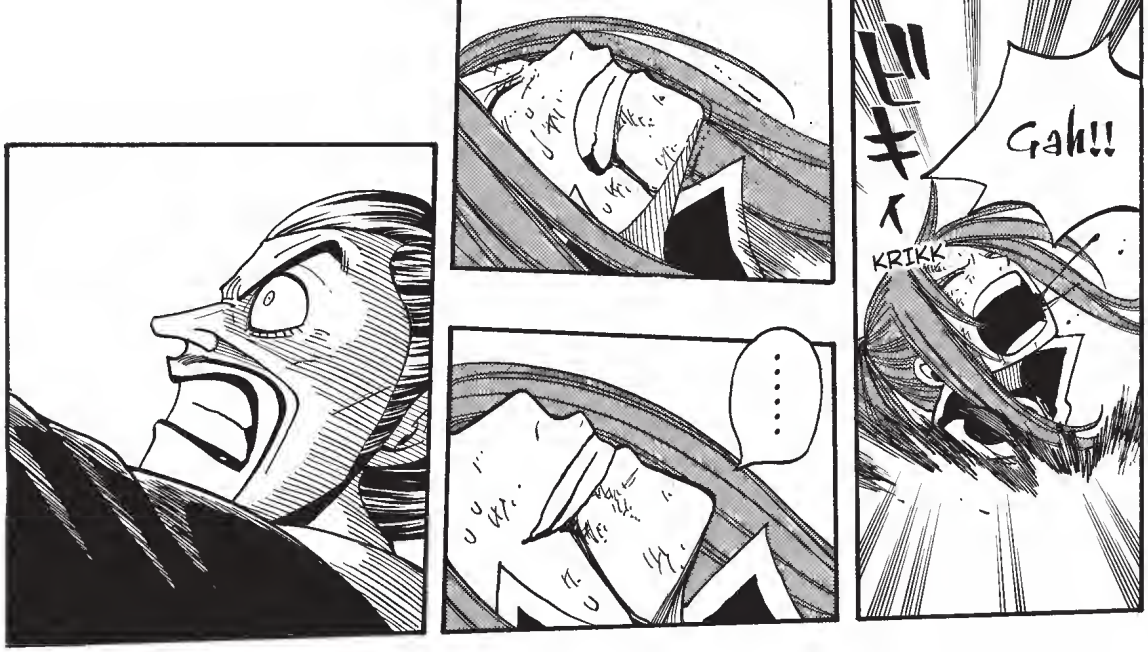

The name of Salamander is heard all over the country!!
The names of Erza and Laxus...
...Mystogan and Gildarts have been heard even in my own town!!
But these past few years, Fairy Tail has seen a sudden increase in strength!

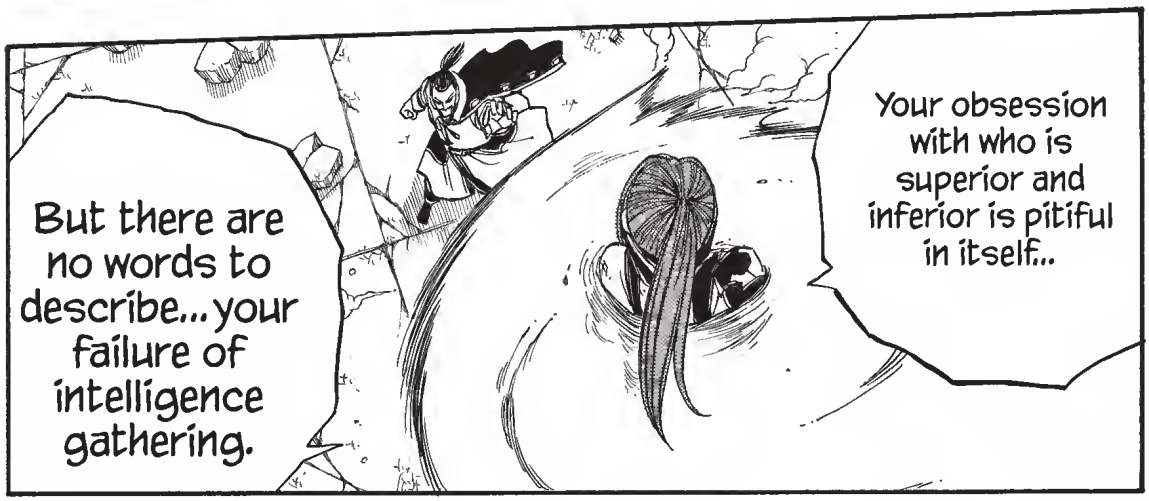

I won't stand for it! Not from an upstart guild that used to be worth no more than bodily waste!!
I even hear people speaking of Phantom Lord and Fairy Tail as "the country's *two* finest guilds!"

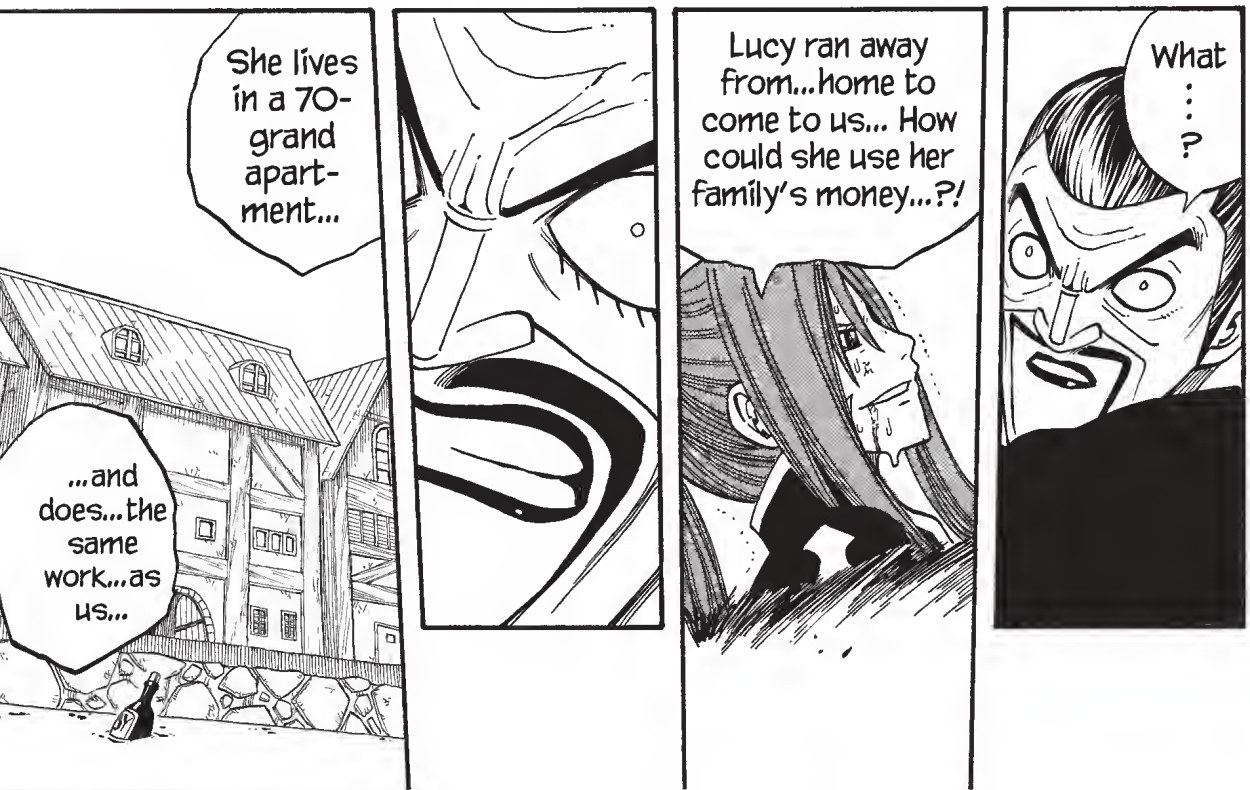
ZUBAM
BAM
What we're doing here is clarifying our superiority, once and for all!!
"Jealousy"?! Not even a little!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
DYUU
So this whole war is based on some stupid jealousy of yours?!
VWAA

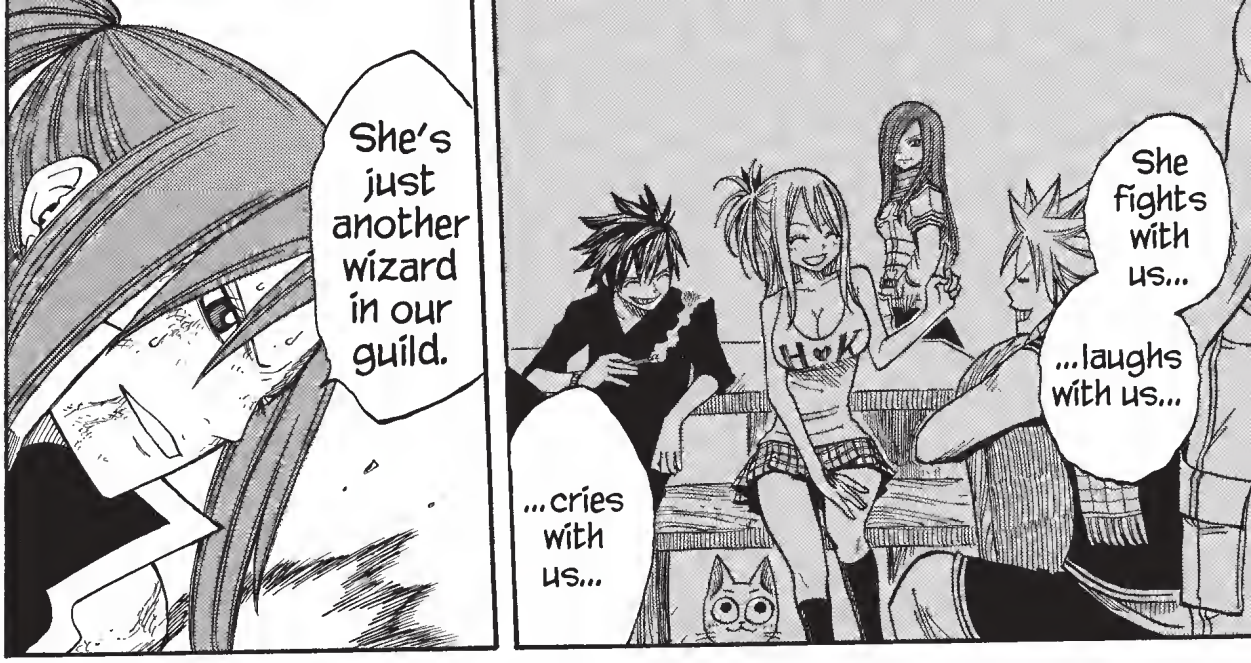
You mean for that trivial reason...
You're joking!!
Urk!!
VWOOM
So maybe what triggered the war was something small...
I could never stand your guild!!

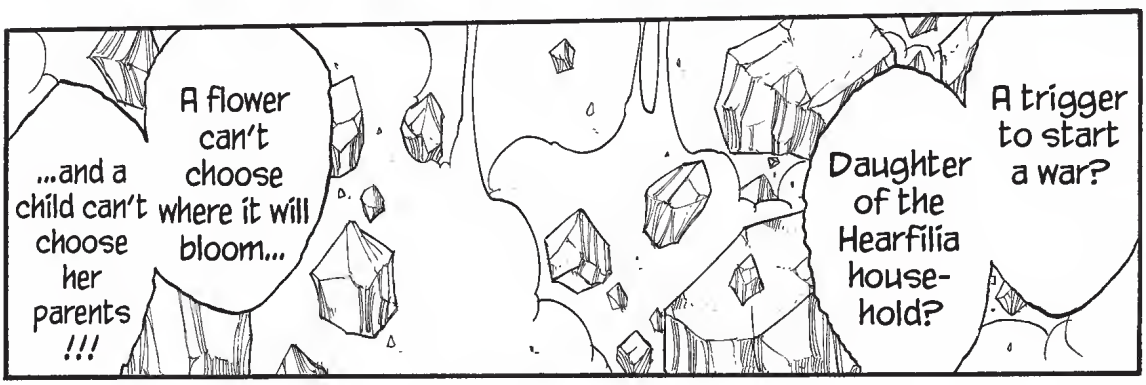
How much power do you intend to suck up before you've had enough?!!!
I could hardly believe it!!! The daughter of one of the country's top industrialists is in Fairy Tail?!!
GRN
GRN
GRN
GRN
Urn...
Kh...
Lucy?!
Small, such as a request to return the daughter of the Heartfilia consortium to her father.
...then you'd certainly have great power at your beck and call!!!
If I were to allow you to use the Hearfilia money unrestrained...
GMM
GMM
GMM
That is something I can never allow!!!!


Gah!!
KRIKK
.....


But there are no words to describe... your failure of intelligence gathering.
Your obsession with who is superior and inferior is pitiful in itself...


She lives in a 70-grand apart-ment...
...and does... the same work... as us...
Lucy ran away from... home to come to us... How could she use her family's money...?!
What.....?


She's just another wizard in our guild.
...cries with us...
She fights with us...
...laughs with us...


A trigger to start a war?
Daughter of the Hearfilia household?
A flower can't choose where it will bloom...
...and a child can't choose her parents !!!

You've never seen Lucy's tears!!! You know nothing of her!!!!

Until the entire Heartfilia empire is mine to control!!!
Do you think we intend to hand her over to her father for nothing?
Oh, no! We're going to bleed him until he has nothing left!!
Well, I'll soon find out, won't I?
CHHT
CHHT
CHHT
CHHT
You dirty— Aaaaa !!!!
KLNCH
You should stop the insults.
You're just making it worse for yourself.

Gwaaaahh!!
!!
CHHT
CHHT
CHHT
CHHT
CHHT
!!
!!!
ZUU..VWAA

CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
Who ?!!
My magic... !!!
!!
WHUD

You've bathed yourself in the blood of many...
The blood of children...

We've done quite enough...
Such as you and me.
Children have been hurt, children have cried, all because of their incompetent parents.

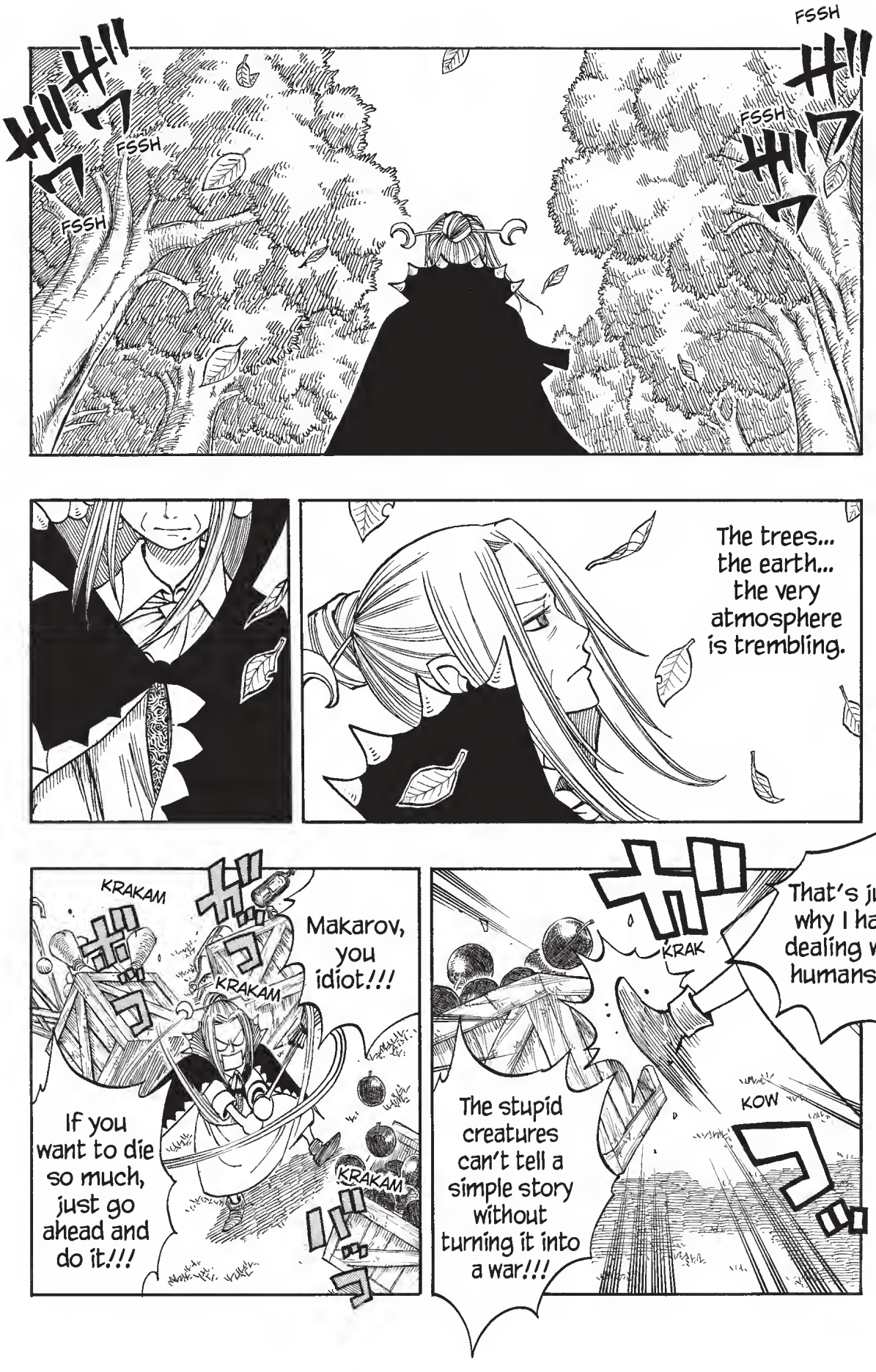
Master...
It must be stopped!!!!
BOOM

You're out to cause a natural disaster?!!

If it's for the sake of my family, then yes!!!

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 65: Fairy Law

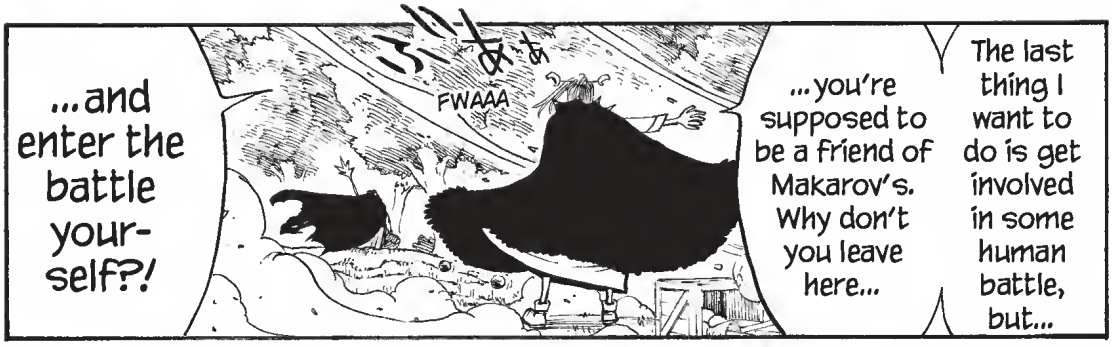

FSSH
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH
The trees... the earth... the very atmosphere is trembling.
KRAKAM
KRAKAM
KRAKAM
Makarov, you idiot!!!
If you want to die so much, just go ahead and do it!!!
KRAK
KOW
That's just why I hate dealing with humans!!!
The stupid creatures can't tell a simple story without turning it into a war!!!

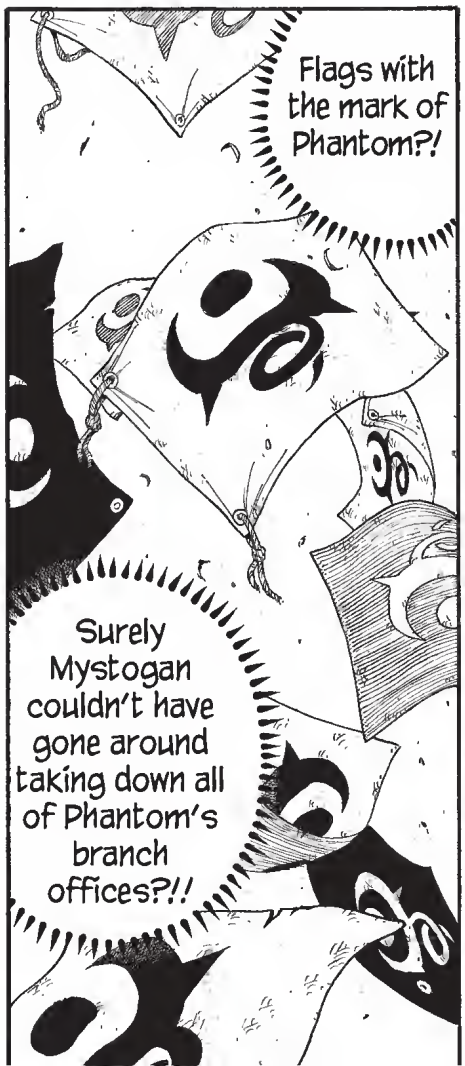
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
TONK
Mystogan !!
GRAB
So you're the one who collected up his magic.
I see now. I thought that Makarov's recovery was a little too fast.
Do you mind if I have this?

MUNCH
MUNCH
The battle of the giants will soon come to its conclusion.

Nobody gave you permis-sion to eat that!!!

MUNCH
MUNCH
CRUNCH

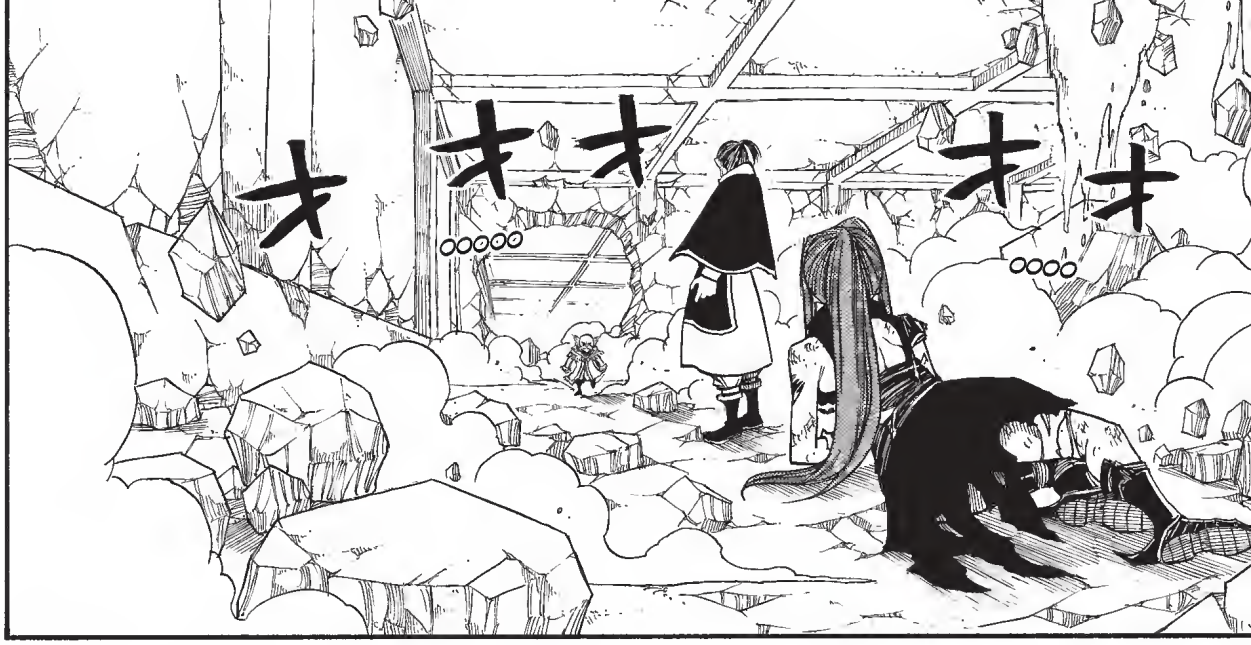

...and enter the battle your-self?!
FWAAA
...you're supposed to be a friend of Makarov's. Why don't you leave here...
The last thing I want to do is get involved in some human battle, but...

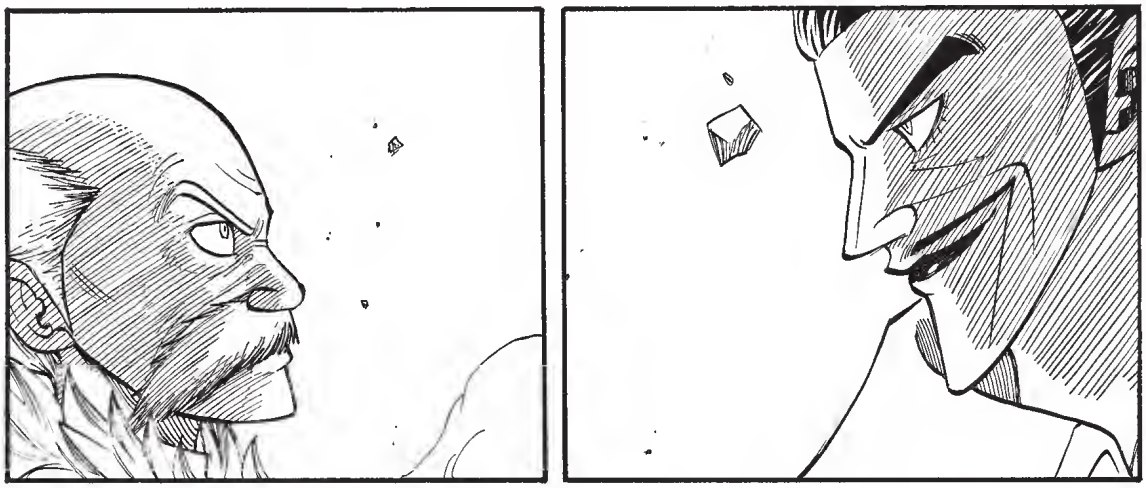

Flags with the mark of Phantom?!
Surely Mystogan couldn't have gone around taking down all of Phantom's branch offices?!!

!

FWAFF

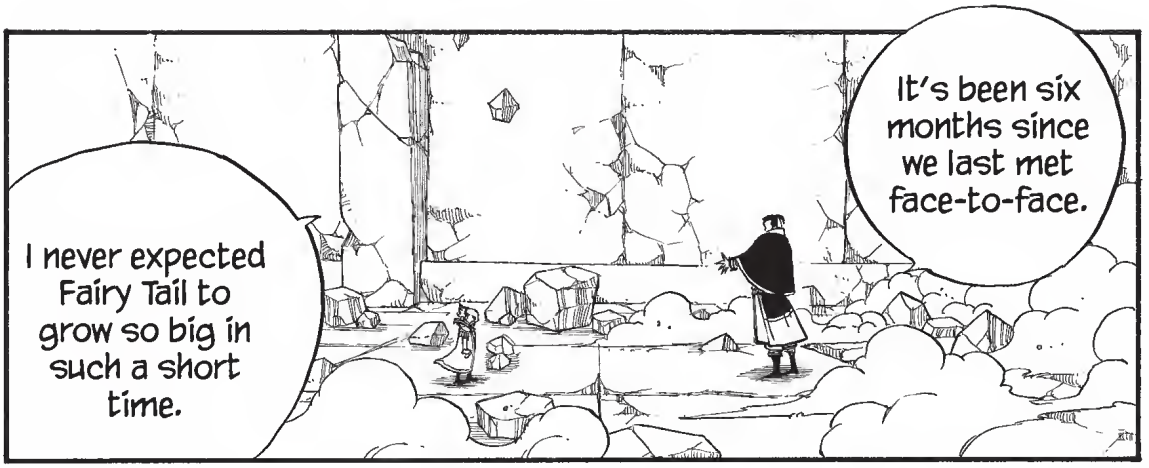
I give up on you people!!
CRUNCH
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH
I want another apple.
You'd better not be thinking of leaving me with your used apple cores!!! Got it?!!
A power too great only gives birth to sorrow.
And within the whirlpool of tragedy, one forgets the sorrow and knows only rage.
I would like to believe in the sacred light that can envelope both sorrow and rage.
The sacred light that guides us all.

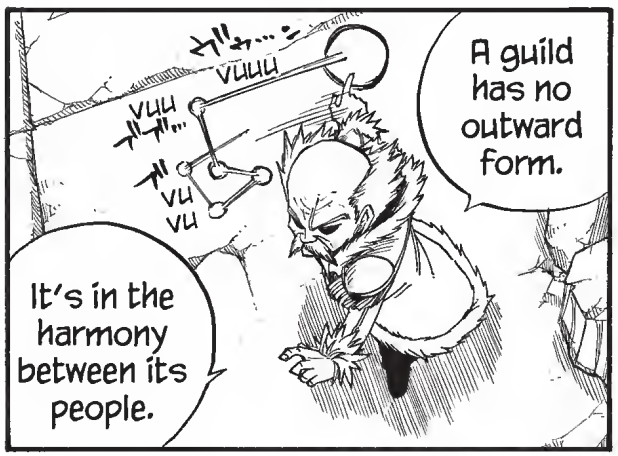


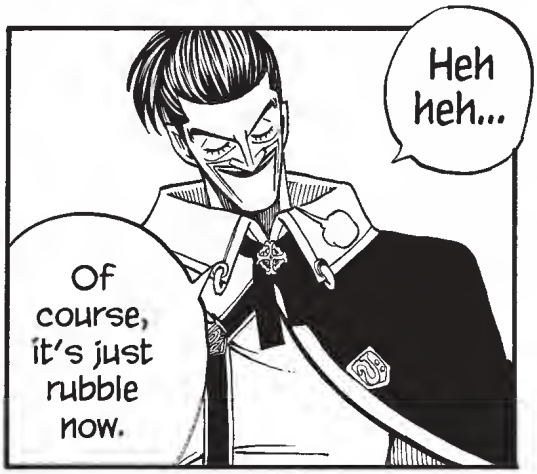


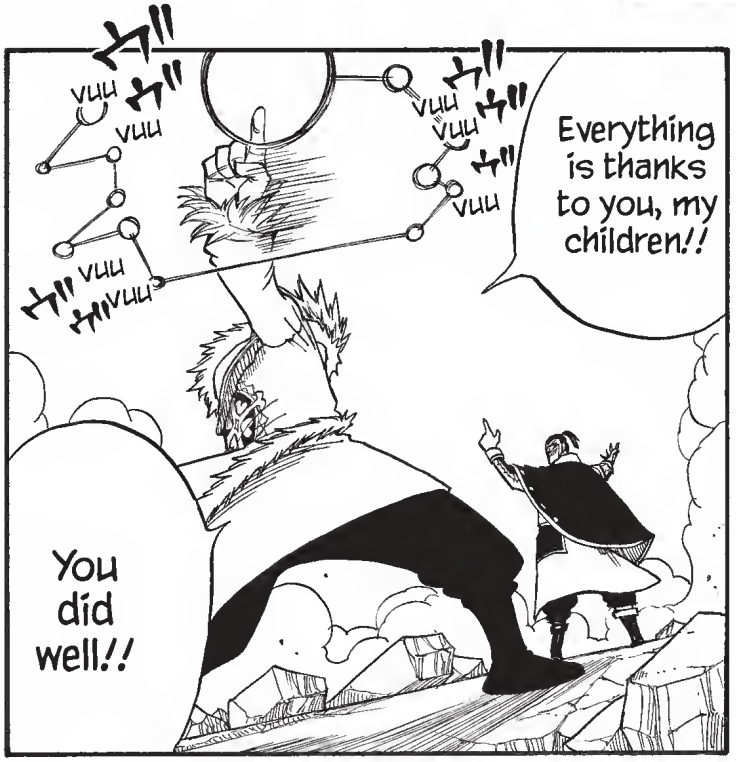
Everyone, clear this entire area!!
!!
!!
What is this... It's a magic power that feels... warm...
It feels... kind of like...home.
.....

GLARE
Hmph.
TAK
TAK
TAK
Erza...
Do as you're told!!
TAK
TAK
How'd you get here?!!
Master ... ?!!
But afterward, I'll be sure to kill them all.
Now that you're here, I have no use for your underlings.
B-But... Hey!!
Can you stand?
Let's go!
Humph!
If we stay here, we'll just be tying the Master's hands.
Let's leave this to him!


It's been six months since we last met face-to-face.
I never expected Fairy Tail to grow so big in such a short time.


VUUU
VUU
VU
VU
A guild has no outward form.
It's in the harmony between its people.


Heh heh...
Of course, it's just rubble now.


VUU
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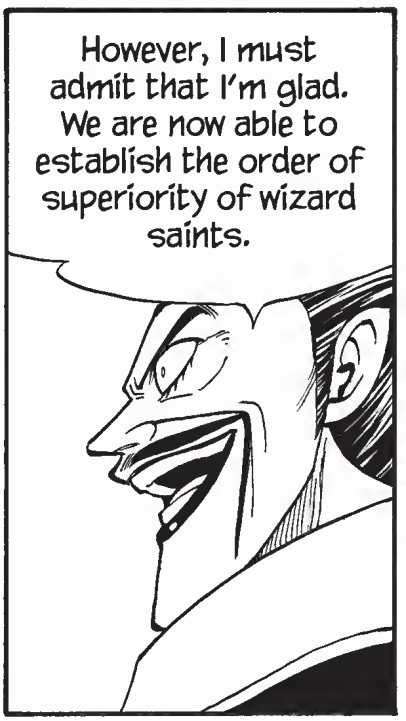
Everything is thanks to you, my children!!
You did well!!


However, I must admit that I'm glad. We are now able to establish the order of superiority of wizard saints.

Take pride in the fact that you are Fairy Tail!!!!!

GM
GM
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GM
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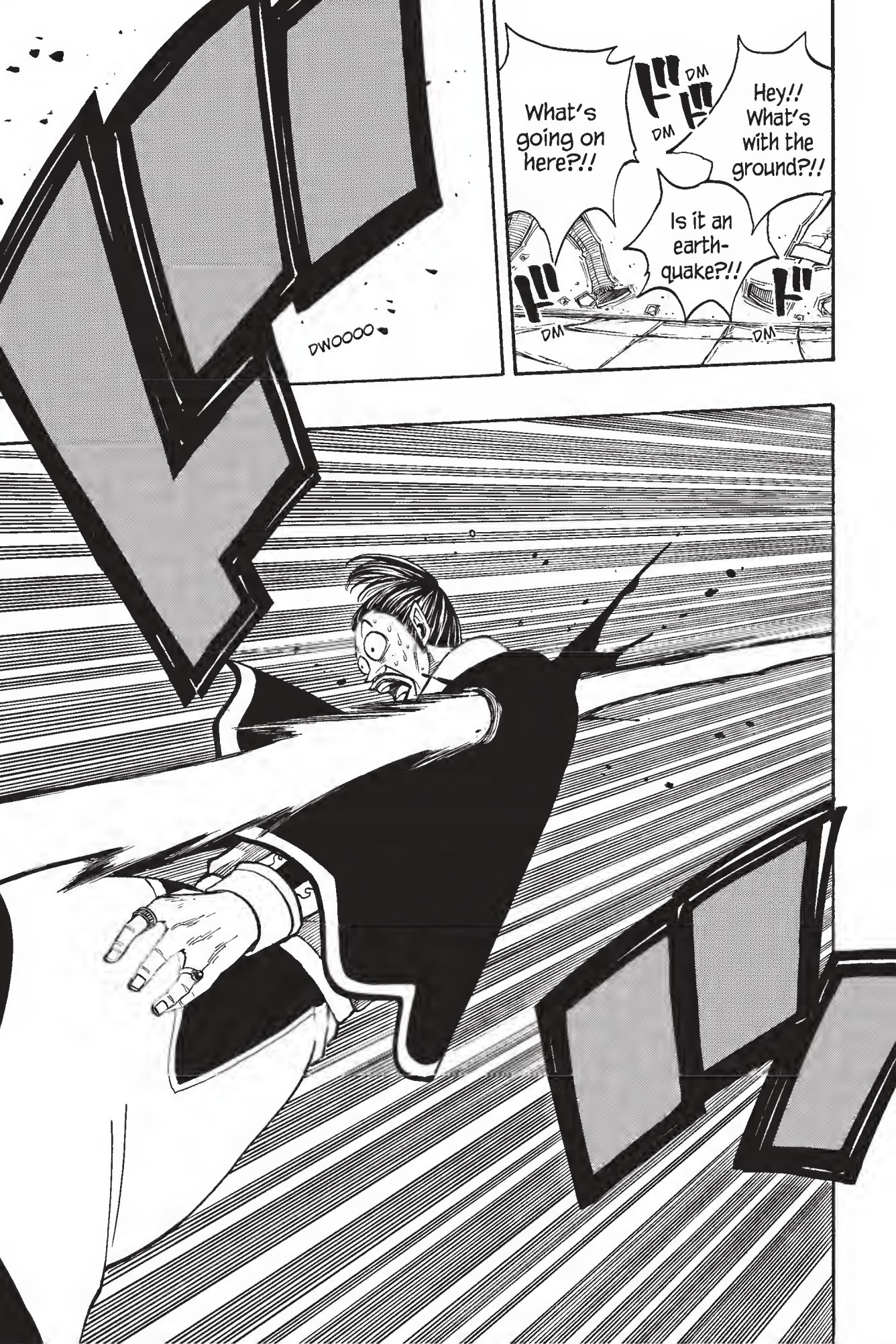
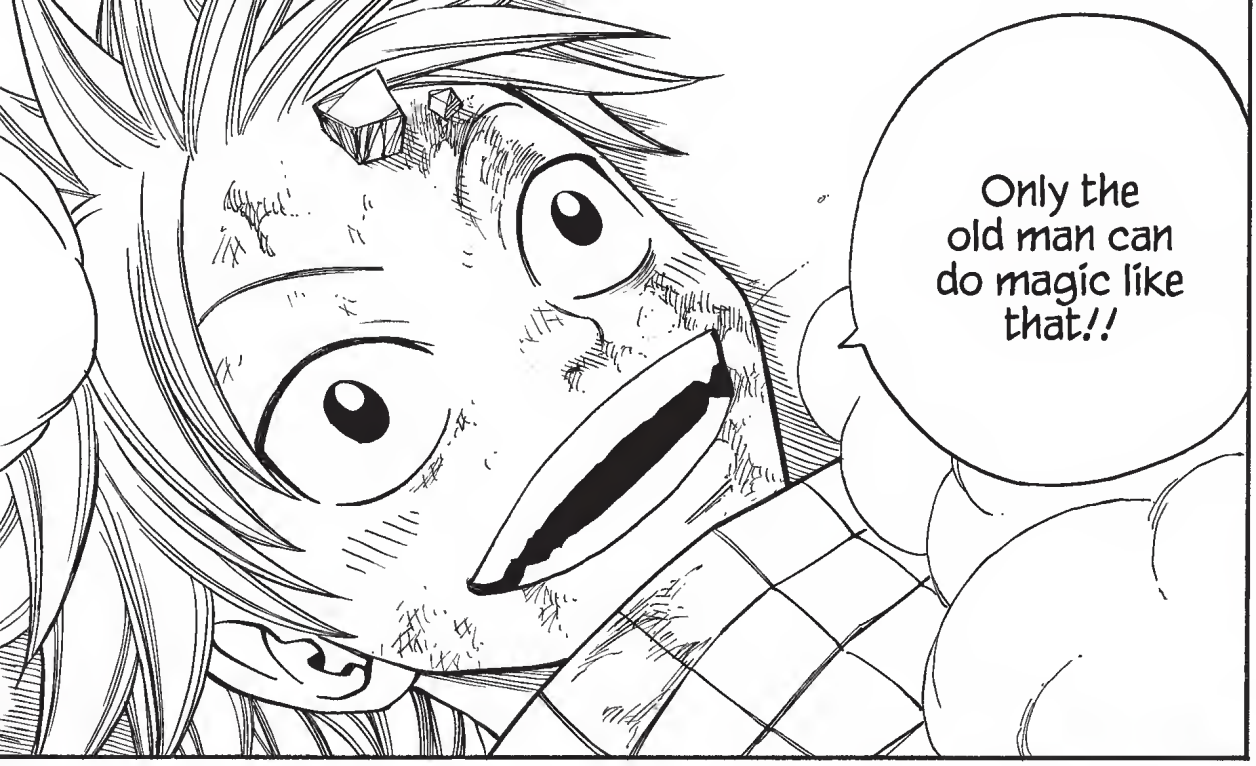
GM
RUMMBB
ZLIVWAA
Uwaah!!
Eeee!!!
What is that?!!
The whole sky is...

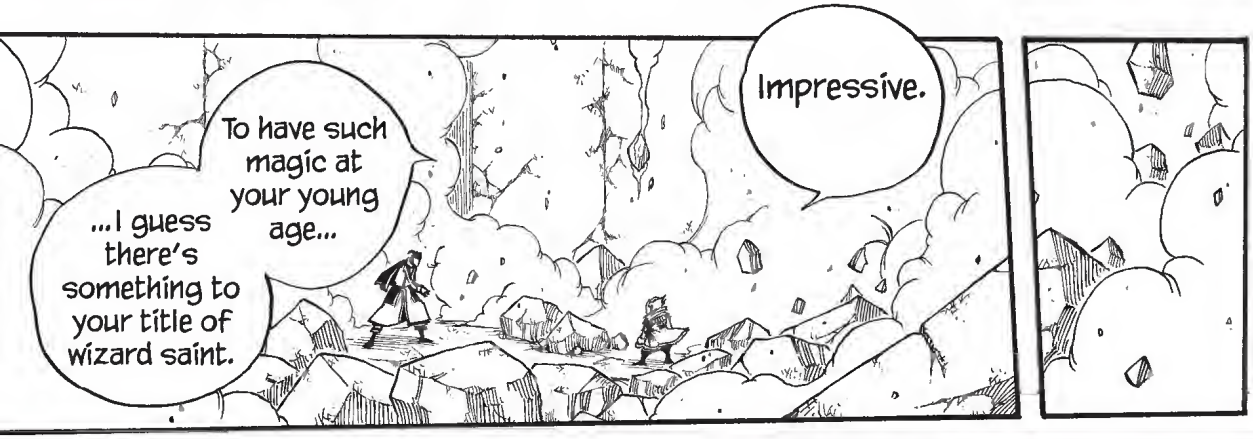

DWOOOO
What's going on here?!!
DM
DM
Hey!! What's with the ground?!!
Is it an earth-quake?!!
DM
DM

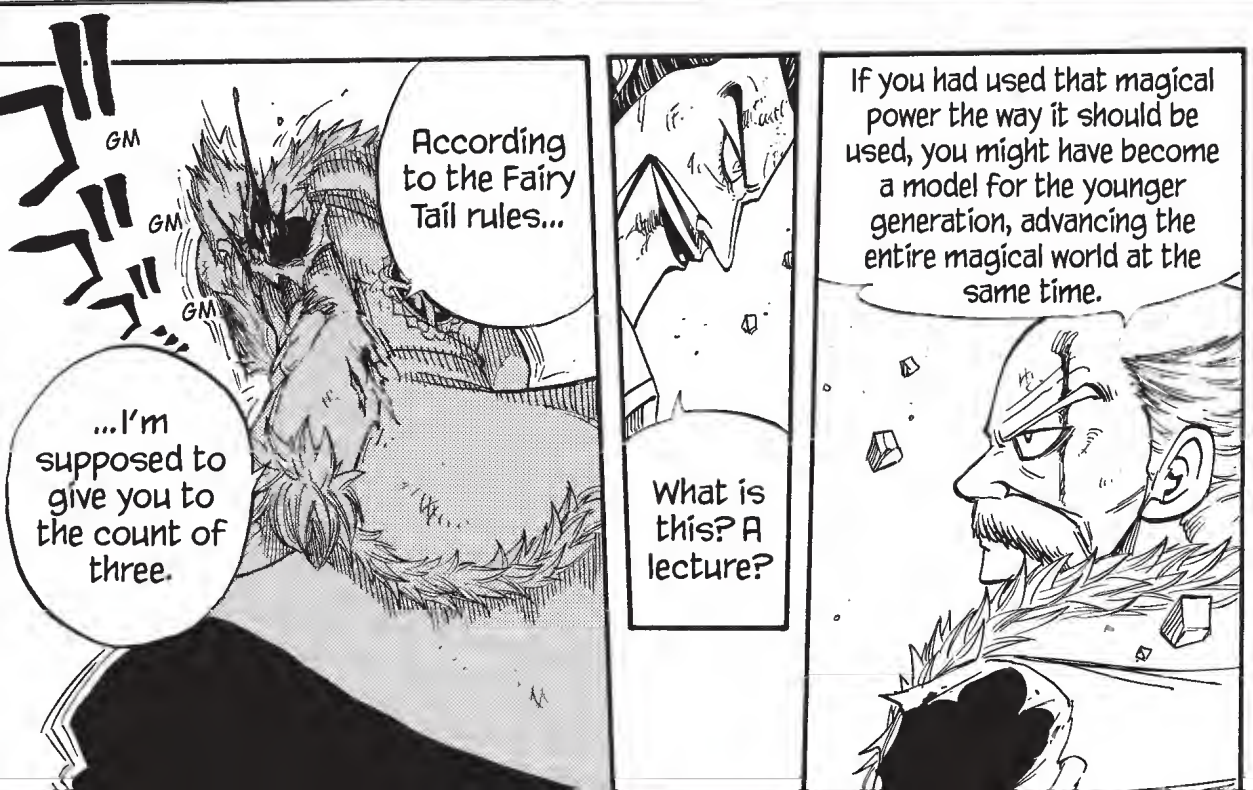
DWOO
FSST

ZUGAN
GAN
GAN
GAN
GAN
Dead Wave!!!
ZAAN
OOOOOO
VWSH
VWSH
VWSH
VWSH
VWSH
Haaaaa !!!!

GYAOOOOOO
GWOO
Are you all right?!!
Ow!
What was that just now...?
Natsu !!
Whooa!!
Hehn!!


Only the old man can do magic like that!!


Impressive.
To have such magic at your young age...
...I guess there's something to your title of wizard saint.


GM
GM
GM
According to the Fairy Tail rules...
...I'm supposed to give you to the count of three.
What is this? A lecture?
If you had used that magical power the way it should be used, you might have become a model for the younger generation, advancing the entire magical world at the same time.

On your knees!!!
ZUU GWOO

One...

Huh?

You're demanding that the leader of the greatest guild in the country grovel before you?!! Don't make me laugh!!! You and I are evenly matched!!!
No!! I have less scruples than you, so I am stronger!!
Two...
Ha ha...
I wondered what you were going to demand. But that I get on my knees?!
Three!!!
You're the one who should be on his knees!!!! Go off and die!!!! Crumble to dust and vanish completely from the history books, Fairy Tail!!!!
HA!!
CLAP
I'm through wait-ing!!!

KRAK
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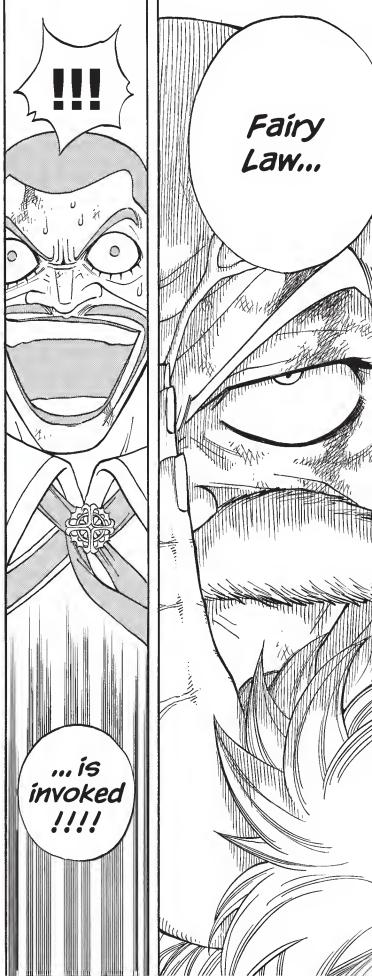
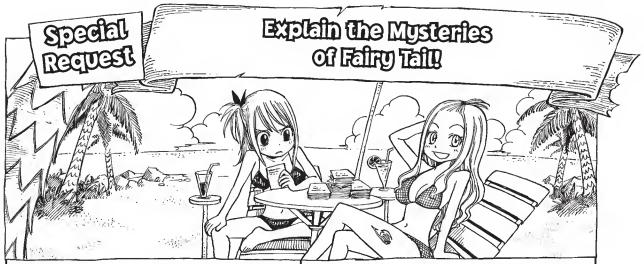

!!!
Fairy Law...
... is invoked !!!!



From the Beach at Hargeon

: This time, we bring you this corner, not from the guild, but from the seaside! ♥

: We're at the beach! We should be having fun!! Why do we have to do this?!!

Mira: Because the artist doesn't really think his stories through, so there are a lot of postcards from the readers with questions.

Lucy: Then let's get this over with fast, so we can go swimming!! Come on, Mira-san!!

Mira: Okay, here's our first question.

Does every member of Fairy Tail have the symbol somewhere on their bodies?

Lucy: Normally, it's in a place you can't see.

Mira: Yes, of course everybody does.

Lucy: I have mine on the back of my hand. It's on Natsu's right shoulder. It's on Erza's left arm.

Mira: As you can see ↑, it's on my left thigh.

: Wow!! So that's where you have it?

: Loke has it on his **ck.

: His **ck?!!!!

Mira: That's right. His **ck.

Lucy: Mira-san...Um...Uh...Is that...okay?

Mira: Of course! It's a magic stamp! Not a tattoo!!

Lucy: No, I don't mean that. I mean...is it okay to talk about things like that here...?

Mira: Huh? Why would talking about his B-A-C-K not be okay?

Lucy: His... b... ack...?

Mira: Of course. His **ck.

Lucy: Y-You know, in my opinion, there's no reason to censor that.

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Mira: Shall we read the next question?

What's a lacrima?

Lucy: It's a magical crystal. A magic item that even normal humans can use.

Mira: That's right. I think for people living in the world these questions are coming from, you should picture a lighter in your minds. Even if you can't do magic, you can make fire with a lighter, right? In the same way, there are magical items in our world that have made their way into people's everyday lives.

Lucy: "Lacrima"...that means "tear," right?

Mira: Yep! But if lacrima are distributed too widely, then our work as wizards might dry up! I think that's why the creator gave it such a masochistic-sounding name.

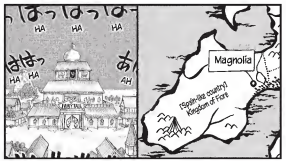
: Is...that...right...?

Mira: And now, our final question.

Lucy: All right!! Now we hit the sea!!

Mira: It's a question ***about*** the sea.

Lucy: Huh?



In some scenes, the Fairy Tail guild is shown right in front of a huge sea, but on the map, the guild seems to be pretty far inland...?

Mira: .....

Lucy: .....

:Why don't we go swimming, Lucy?

Lucy: Sure! ♥ But what is the meaning of this?!

Mira: You've got to give the reader credit. He's pretty sharp.

Lucy: I'm sure the author is putting on a face that says, "Oops!" right now.

Mira: Actually, that's a lake.

Lucy: Don't you think it might be a little too big for a lake?

: Let's just say it's a lake and let it go at that, okay?

Lucy: I-I...guess...it's okay...

Mira: Fine! Now, let's go swimming.

: With a lake that close, I don't have any idea why we came all the way to the seaside to swim, though.

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Kyoto, Sachiko

◀ This artist did the logo as fire and ice!! I never thought of that!

Aichi Prefecture, Nakane Chisato

◀ Hey, I like this kind of picture, too! I really like the slender Erza!!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Chawanmushi

◀ I think that Mirajane actually does everybody's laundry, too!

Akita Prefecture, Mikan-bako

◀ I especially like Erza and the odd way that she shrinks.

Kagawa Prefecture, Tôjûrô

◀ Whoa! He's cool! It looks like Gray's wearing a pair of pants and a jacket. (How does a girl pick fights and hanging out, huh?)

Ibaragi Prefecture, Namikaze

◀ A little sevi Lucy. Mm... You already knew that, I was a sucker for sexy illustrations didn't you?

Gunma Prefecture, Ishijima Tomoka

◀ Grah Erza, and so well done!! I'm really good at drawing clothes like that!! (Just look at Erza's!)

Aichi Prefecture, Happy Love2

◀ These are what people call "mekomyu" (Cat's ears.) I think someone (elephant ears) are going to be the next big thing!

Tokushima Prefecture, Black

◀ The story of Please Break Isn't over yet! I'm going to draw the next chapter someday!

Niigata Prefecture, Neko-Punch

◀ So you like bunnies? I have to say that is...pretty normal.

Saitama Prefecture, Ishii Jun

◀ Here's our "rare-character" fan art. I'm a big fan of this character!! I never expected it to be this character!!

Saitama Prefecture, Ajisai

◀ There are a ton of Happys in the background all making great faces!!

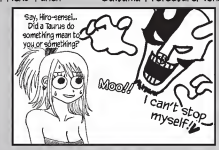
Rejection Corner

◀ Well... Sure, why wouldn't it be? Whatever that means.

Kyoto, Hirorin Sumiyabazaru

Kôchi Prefecture, Karyû

◀ Thanks for rooting for the simple love story! Now, what will happen between them!?



Hokkaido Prefecture, Oishiza (Taurus) no-i

◀ Actually, I'm a Taurus myself! So I draw him with the utmost loving attention!

AFTERWORD

Once I set on the idea of doing a dragon slayer, I knew that other dragon slayers would show up. And after a long wait, the one who showed up was Gajeel-kun (at work, we all call him Gajeel-kun (ΔΔ)). As Natsu's rival, he was extremely scary right from the start. Actually, there was a fight scene planned between Gajeel-kun on one side and Loke (guy with glasses) and Reedus (big guy) on the other, but with the way the episode shaped up, it had to be cut. Still, instead we got a pretty hot fight between him and Natsu, so we'll call it a good thing. Right at the very beginning, some characters called the dragon-slaying magic "Dragon Slayer," but in point of fact, dragon slayers are the people who use dragon-slaying magic. Sorry for all the confusion. This wasn't a mistake. It's just such an old form of magic that the characters don't understand the term anymore. As time went on, people had trouble differentiating between the magic and the users of that magic. But I didn't get that across to the readers very well, huh? (Δ)

By the way, there are even more dragon slayers in this world. They may appear over the course of the story, but then again, they may not. The dragon Igneel passed on the techniques for slaying dragons and then disappeared. Hmm...A weird story. But I have my reasons for it, and those reasons may become key information later on. But then again, they may not. Hmm...I sort of forgot what I was trying to say, so I'm just going to end this here.

It happened so fast! My original goal of ten volumes is already in sight. Before I started, I thought that my previous work was so long (thirty-five volumes) that this time, I'd limit it to only about ten volumes. But it turned out to be much more fun drawing *FT* than I originally thought it would be. It looks like I can make this story a lot longer than planned! So root for me as I continue on...at least to volume 11!!

—Hiro Mashima

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

General Notes: Wizard

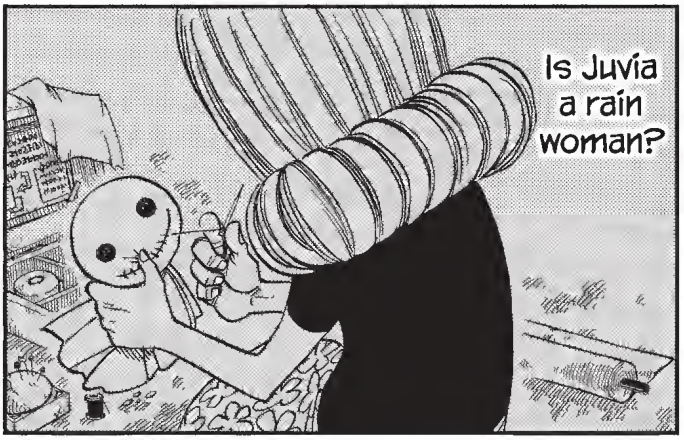
In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, you'll find panels in which the English word "wizard" is part of the original illustration. So this translation has taken that as its inspiration and translated the word *madôshi* as "wizard." But *madôshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed by the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used in the original dialogue, a Japanese reader would be likely to think not of traditional Western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, but of martial artists.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that the spellings contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

Fair-Weather Charm, page 3

The Japanese have a popular charm that is supposed to avert rain: the *teru-teru bôzu*, where *teru* means "to shine" as in sunshine, and *bôzu* means a Buddhist priest or monk. To make one, a white tissue, napkin, or cloth is wrapped around a ball and tied off at the "neck" making a head with the rest of the cloth or paper trailing off as robes. Usually a smiley face is drawn on it (see page 15 for a slightly clumsy example). It is called a *"bôzu"* because it has a round, bald head much like Buddhist monks or priests do. Once the charm is made, it is usually hung under the roof's rafters as a charm to stop the rain. If it is hung upside down, it is supposed to encourage the rain to fall.

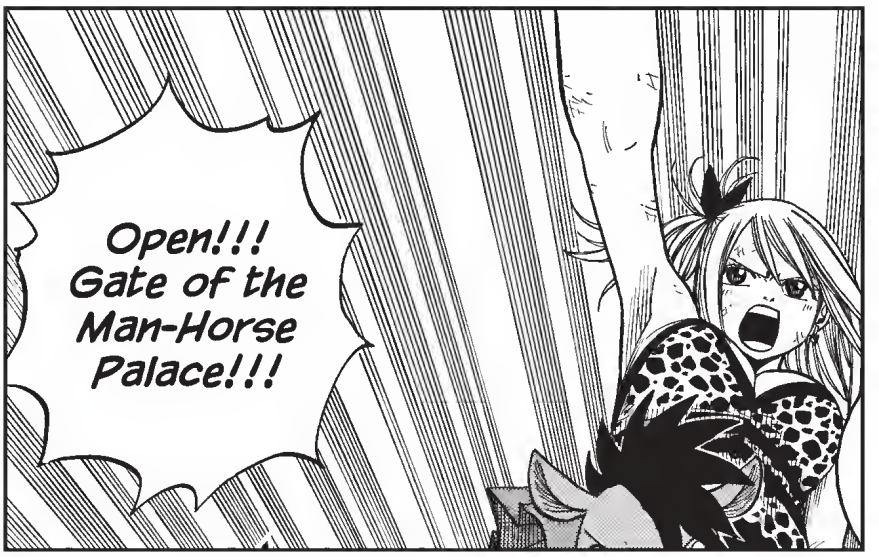


Rain Woman, page 15

Rain Women (*Ame onna* in Japanese) are a recurrent theme in Japanese folklore, and later, much used in manga and anime. In ancient Japan's agrarian culture, the rain women were called upon to help rain fall on the crops, and some worshipped *Ame onna* as deities. In more recent depictions they tend to be tragic figures who bring nonstop rain wherever they go, shunned and ostracized for something they cannot control.

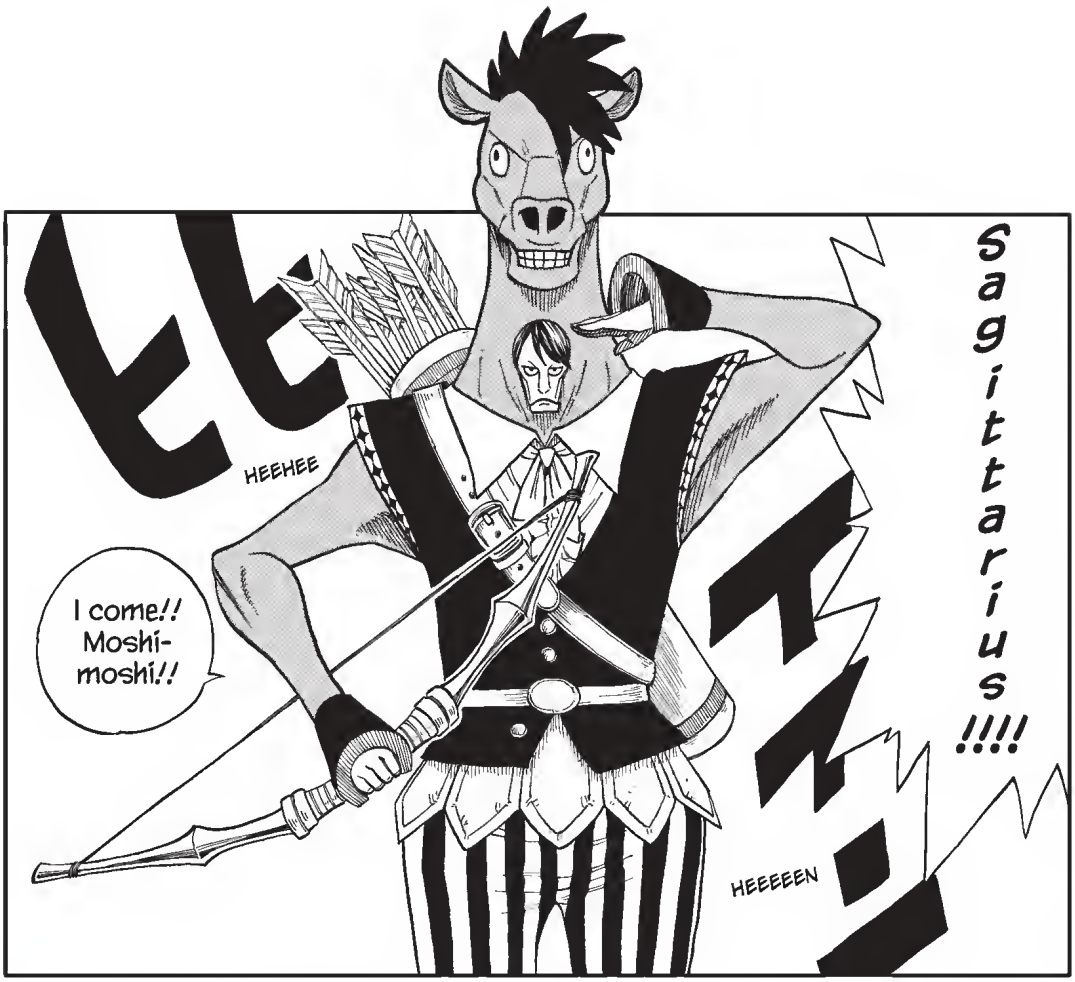
Nattô, page 63

There are foods in nearly every culture that are generally loved by those within the culture and abhorred by almost anyone coming to the culture from the outside. Hawaii has *poi*, the Inuit have *muqtuq* blubber, and the Japanese have *nattô*. *Nattô* is a strong-smelling fermented soybean dish in which beans are connected by a viscous, stringy, slimy fluid. The dish is very nutritious, containing *nattokinase*, a fibrinolytic enzyme that is said to prevent clotting in the arteries. However, despite the benefits, most non-Japanese can't palate it. Of course, there are some Western lovers of *nattô*, and a large number of Japanese who do not eat it—in other words, there are always exceptions—but the rule is, Japanese love *nattô* and foreigners can't stand the stuff.



Man-Horse Palace, page 117

Sagittarius is Latin for "Archer," and that is how it is referred to in astrology, but in Greek mythology, Sagittarius is Chiron, the Centaur. Chiron was unlike the other, bestial centaurs, and instead was a wise and learned hunter and healer. In this version, Mashima-sensei makes a joke of the man-horse by presenting it in an unusual way. However, if I had translated the palace as the "Centaur Palace," Mashima's version of the man-horse wouldn't follow logically as it does with the more literal translation of "Man-Horse Palace."



Moshi-moshi, page 117

At first, I thought Sagittarius's "moshi-moshi," was a Japanese horse sound, but I could find no incidents of horses using that sound in my research. (If you know of examples, let me know!) I just have to assume that it is a cute sentence-ending sound much like Cancer's "-ebi" at the end of his sentences (see the note in volume 2). By the way, the phrase, "moshi-moshi" is generally used as the English "hello" is used when answering the phone or when tentatively trying to get someone's attention. That doesn't seem to be Sagittarius's meaning when using the phrase here, though.

Topknots, page 188

Most samurai-movie fans recognize the classic samurai hairstyle of a shaved forehead and a topknot (an oiled ponytail that comes forward over the top of the head). It is called in Japanese a *chonmage*. Totomaru doesn't have the samurai style of topknot, but he does have a rather punk-style topknot.

Honorifics Explained

Throughout the Kodansha Comics books, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy at Kodansha not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in Kodansha Comics.

-san: This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.

-sama: This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.

-dono: This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.

-kun: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.

-chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even between lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."

Sempai/ Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

Kohai: This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

Sensei: Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as *yobisute*, it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

Preview of Volume 9

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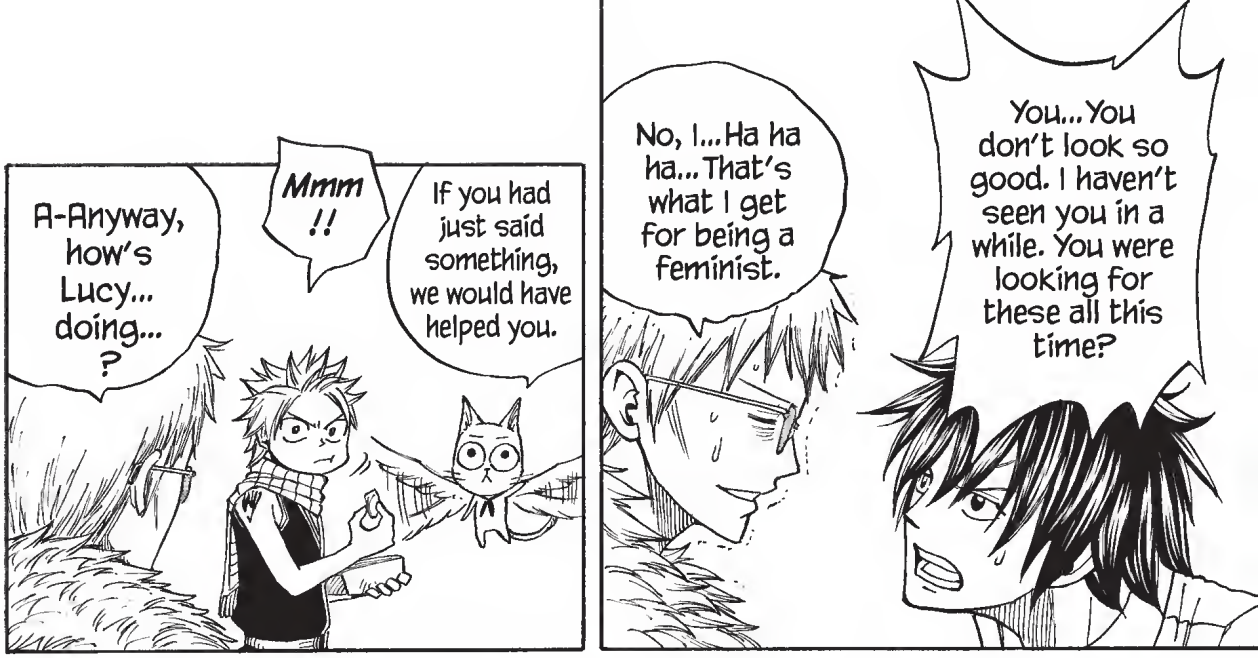
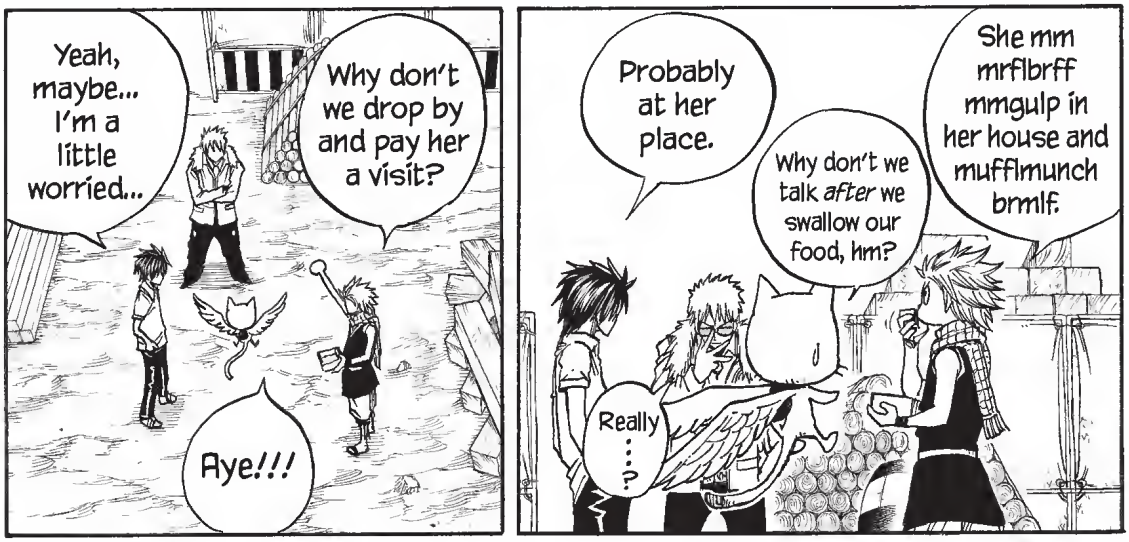
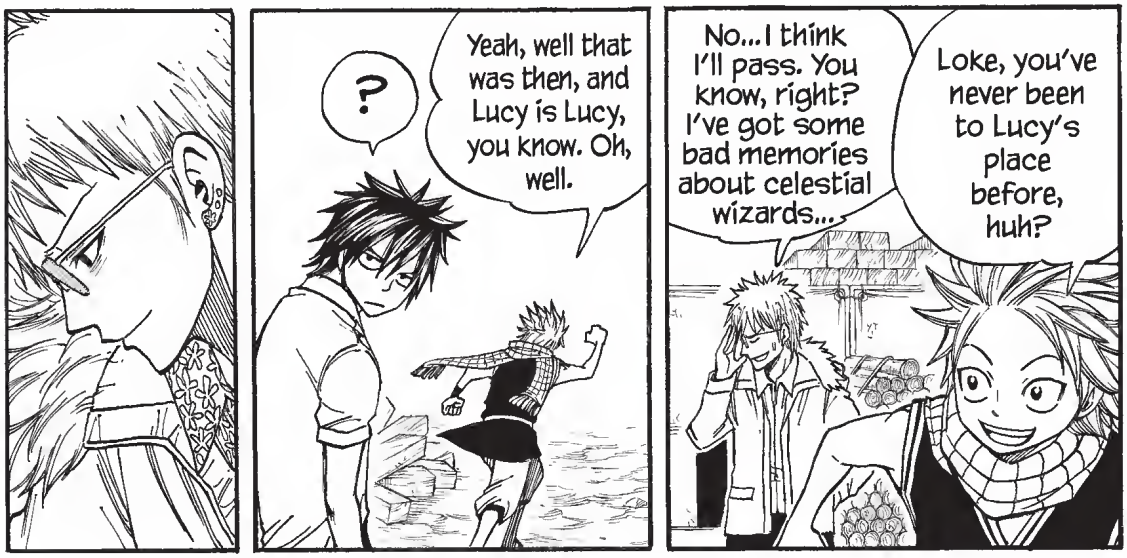

A-Anyway, how's Lucy... doing...?
Mmm!!
If you had just said something, we would have helped you.
No, I... Ha ha ha... That's what I get for being a feminist.
You... You don't look so good. I haven't seen you in a while. You were looking for these all this time?


Yeah, maybe... I'm a little worried...
Why don't we drop by and pay her a visit?
Aye!!!
Probably at her place.
Why don't we talk *after* we swallow our food, hm?
She mm mrflbrff mmgulp in her house and mufflmunch brmlf.
Really...?


?
Yeah, well that was then, and Lucy is Lucy, you know. Oh, well.
No... I think I'll pass. You know, right? I've got some bad memories about celestial wizards...
Loke, you've never been to Lucy's place before, huh?

Let's get outta here!!!
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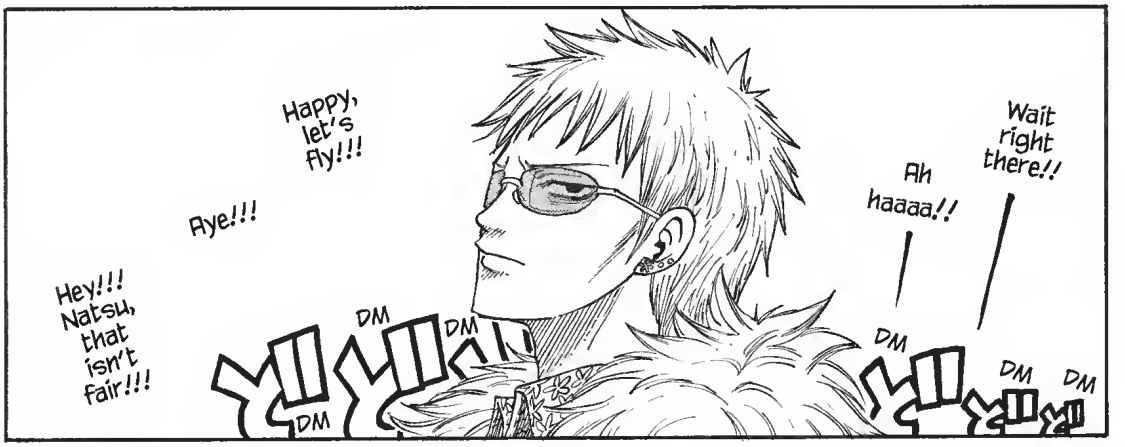
You slackers!!! Where do you think you're going?! Get to work!!!
DM
DM
DM
DM


Happy, let's fly!!!
Aye!!!
Hey!!! Natsu, that isn't fair!!!
Ah haaaa!!
Wait right there!!
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How're you doing?!!
Lucy, how're you doing ?!!!
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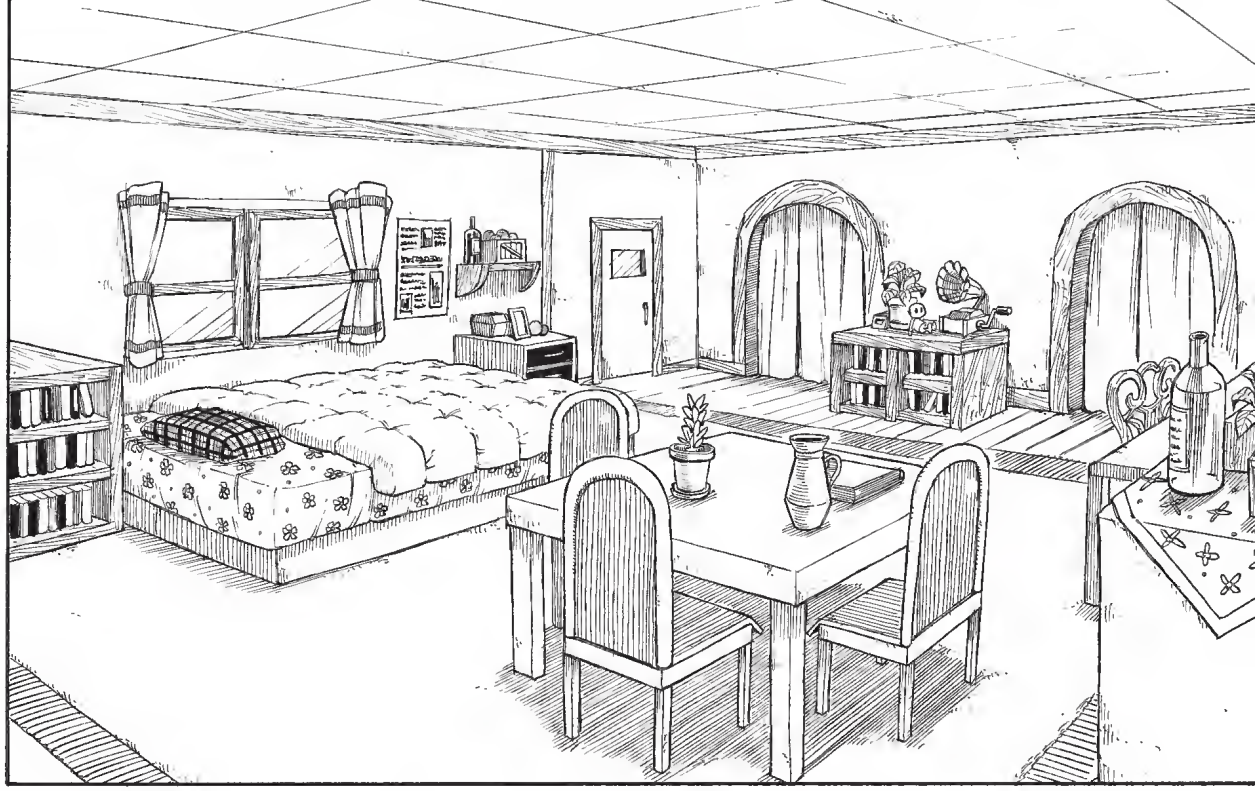
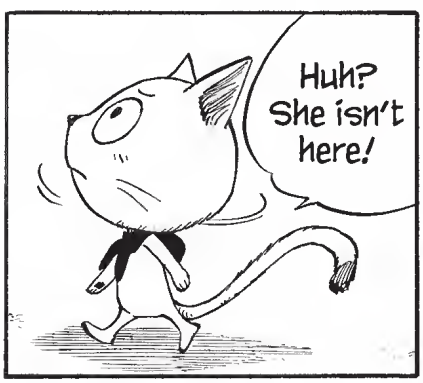
MM




Huh? She isn't here!

I admit a bit of anxiety myself.
After screaming at us so much, you came along?
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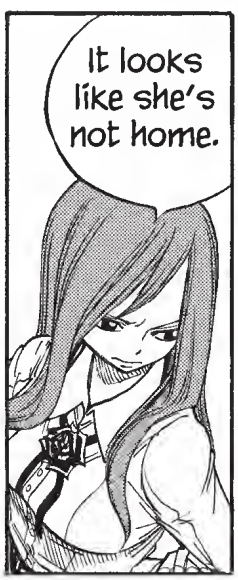
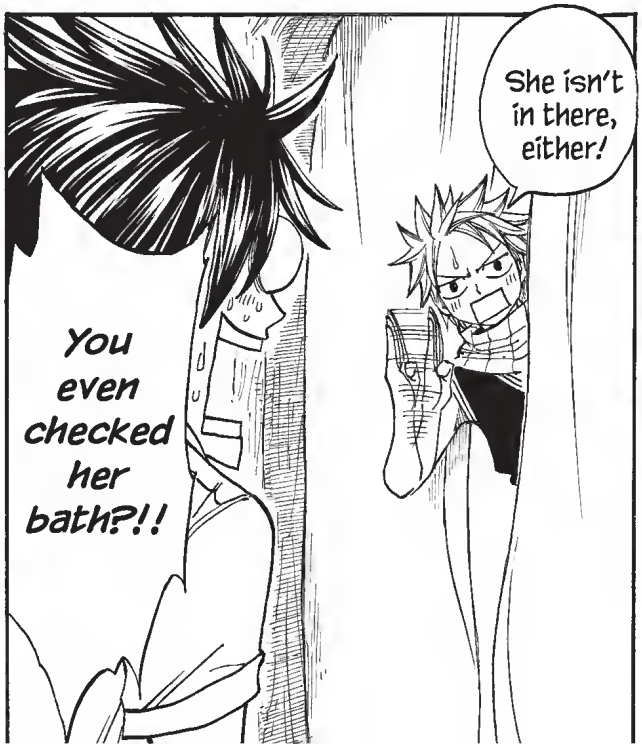
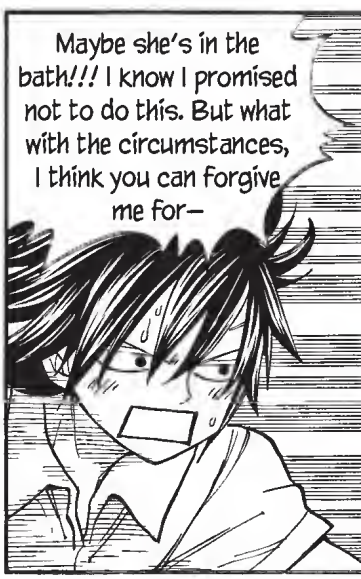
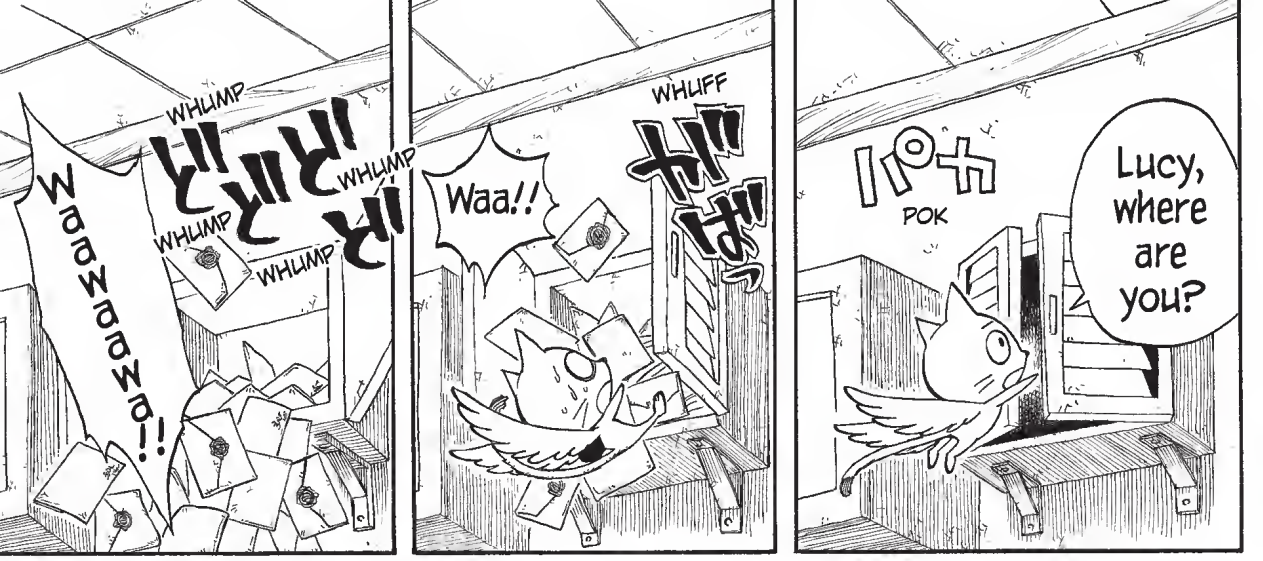

It looks like she's not home.


You even checked her bath?!!
She isn't in there, either!


Maybe she's in the bath!!! I know I promised not to do this. But what with the circumstances, I think you can forgive me for—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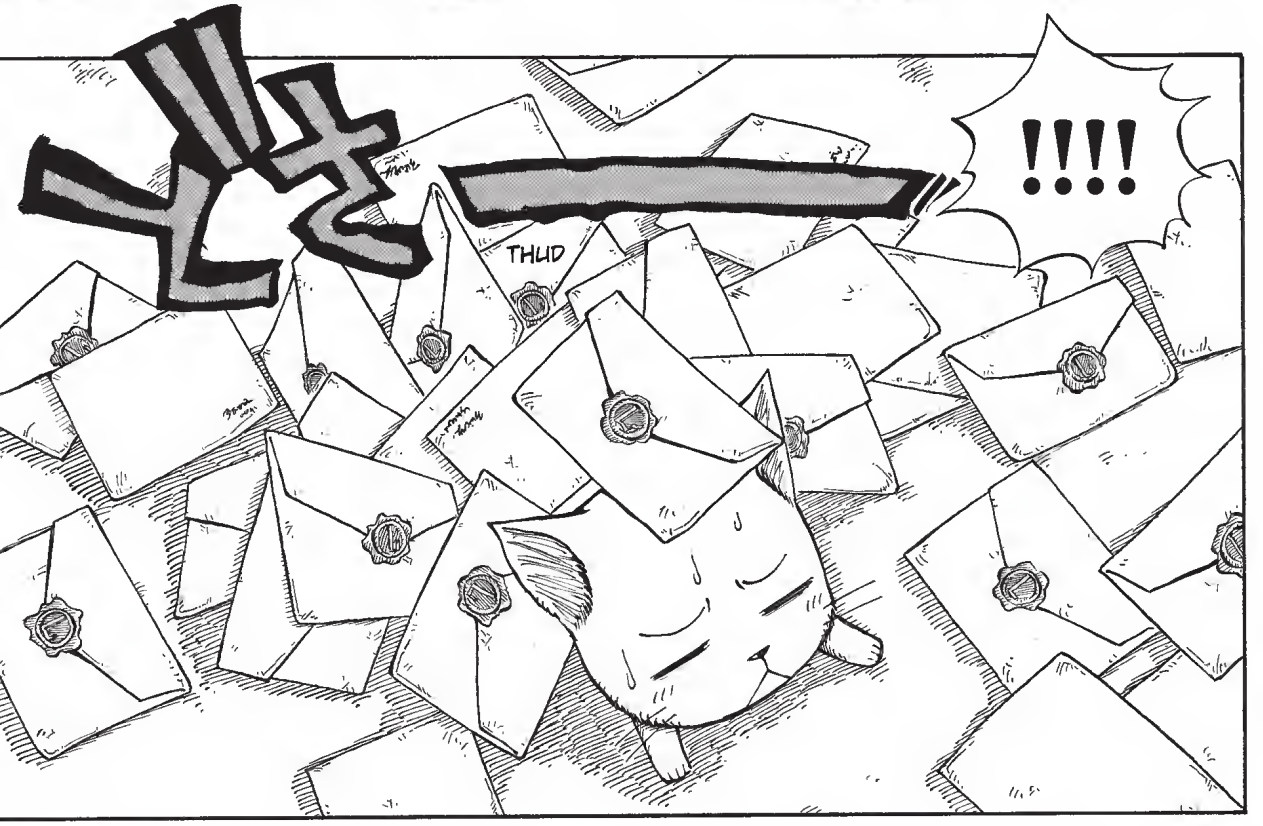
Waaaaaaaa!!
WHUFF
Waa!!
POK
Lucy, where are you?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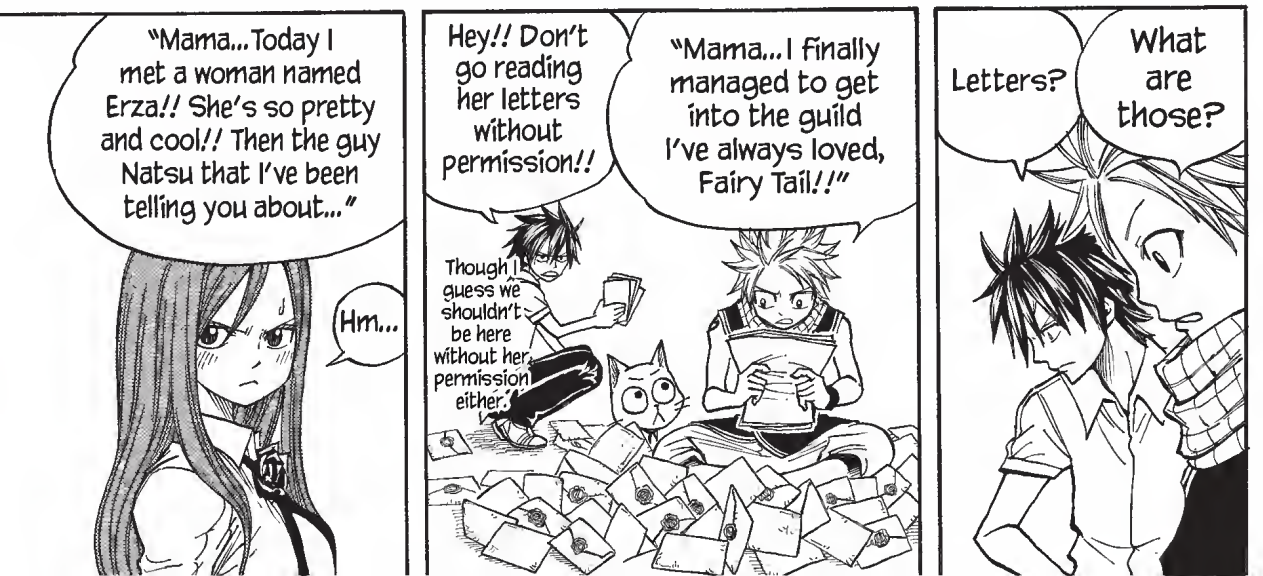
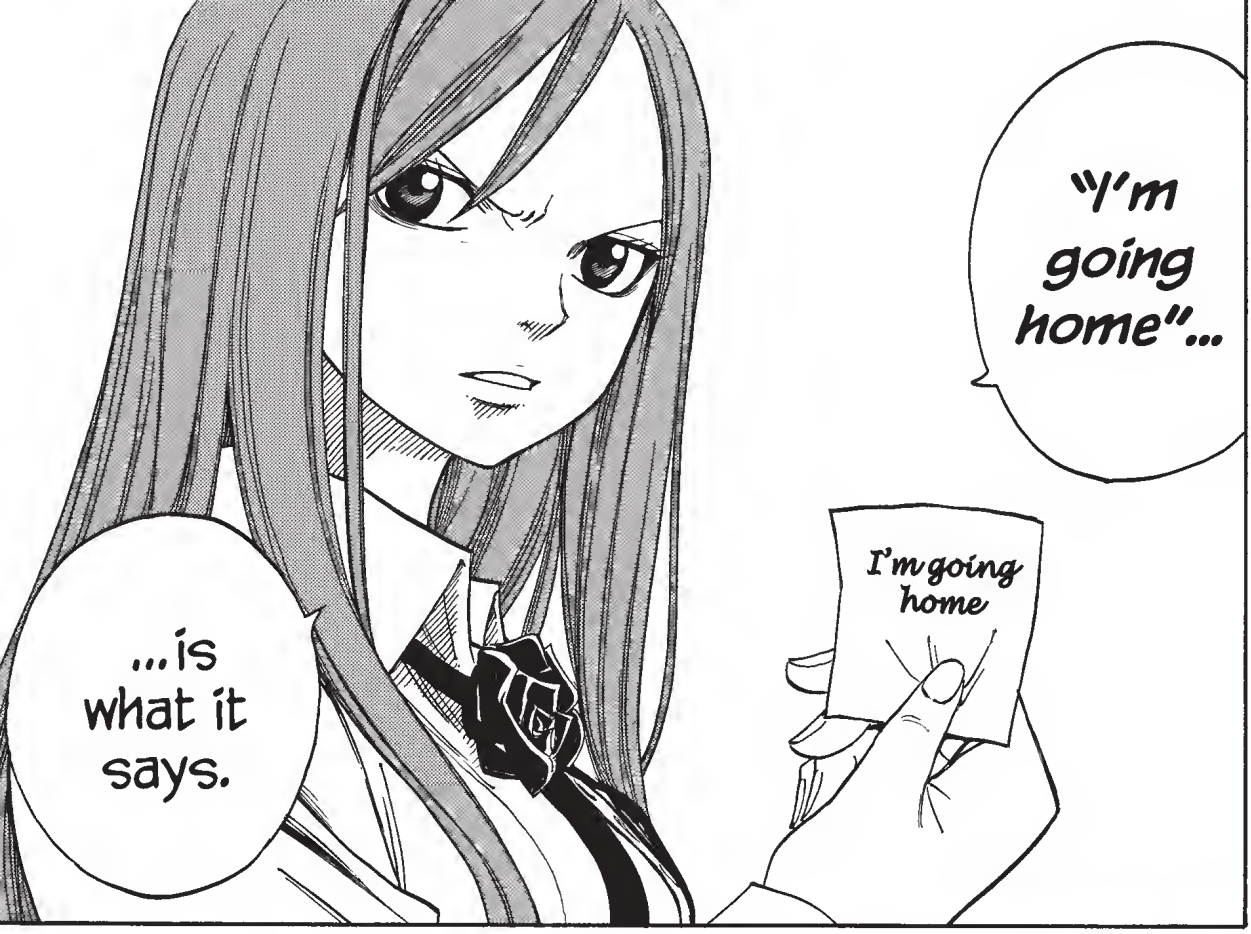
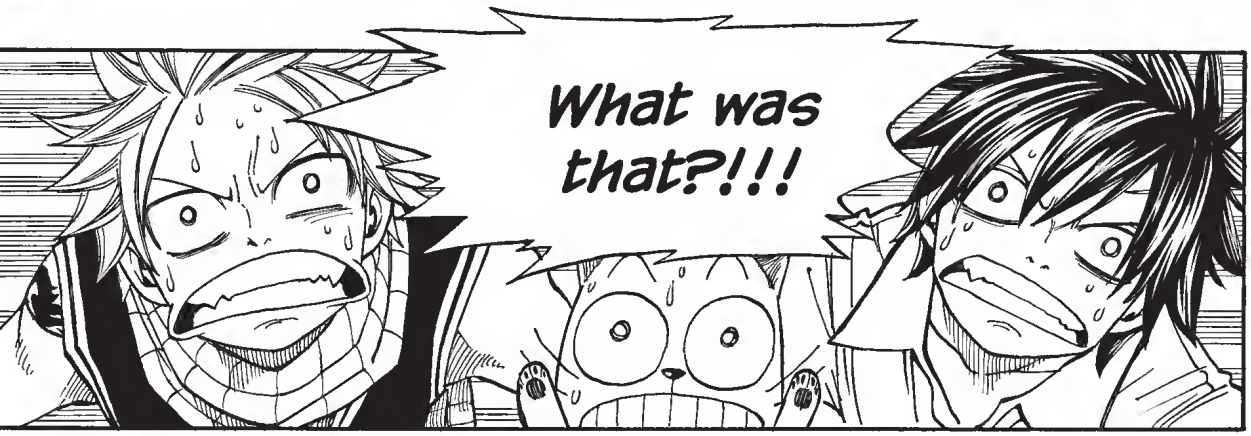
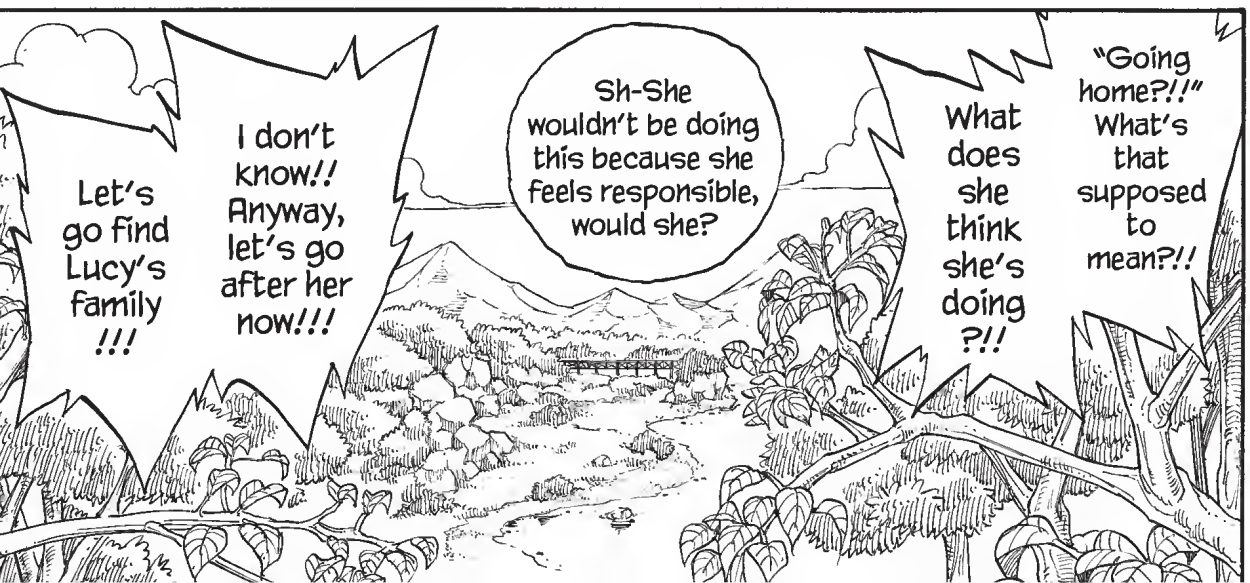
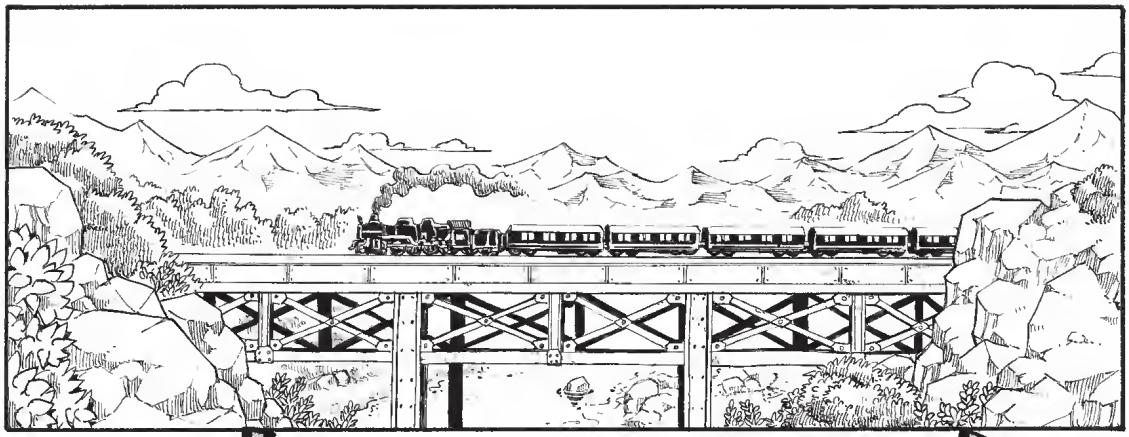

"Mama...Today I met a woman named Erza!! She's so pretty and cool!! Then the guy Natsu that I've been telling you about..."
Hm...
Hey!! Don't go reading her letters without permission!!
"Mama...I finally managed to get into the guild I've always loved, Fairy Tail!!"
Though I guess we shouldn't be here without her permission either.
Letters?
What are those?

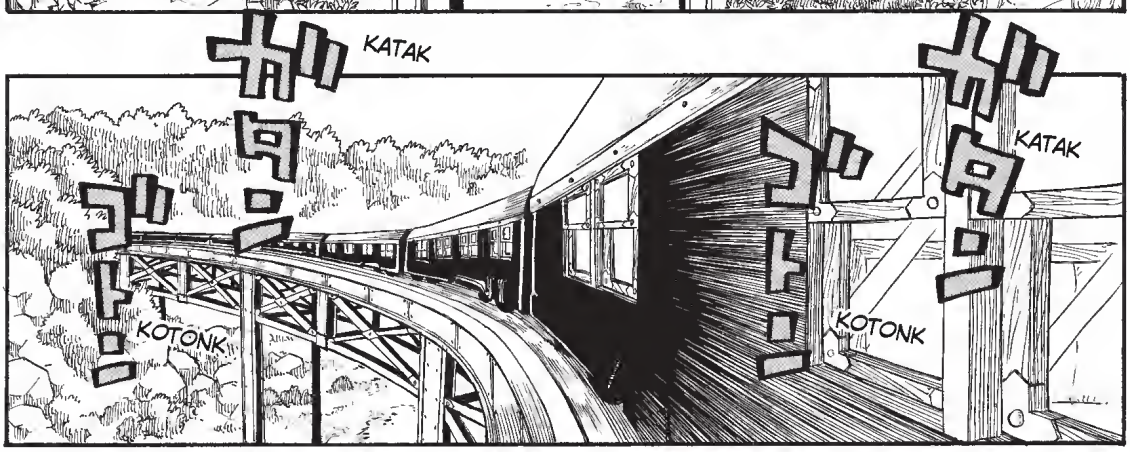
They're all letters to her mother?
I wonder why she never mailed them?
Why else? She's a runaway, of course!!
Then why'd she write them in the first place?
To Mama...
To Mama...
What do you think, Erza?
Lucy left a note.
I'm going home
What's wrong?
Hm?


"I'm going home"...
I'm going home
...is what it says.


What was that?!!!


"Going home?!!" What's that supposed to mean?!!
What does she think she's doing ?!!
Sh-She wouldn't be doing this because she feels responsible, would she?
I don't know!! Anyway, let's go after her now!!!
Let's go find Lucy's family !!!

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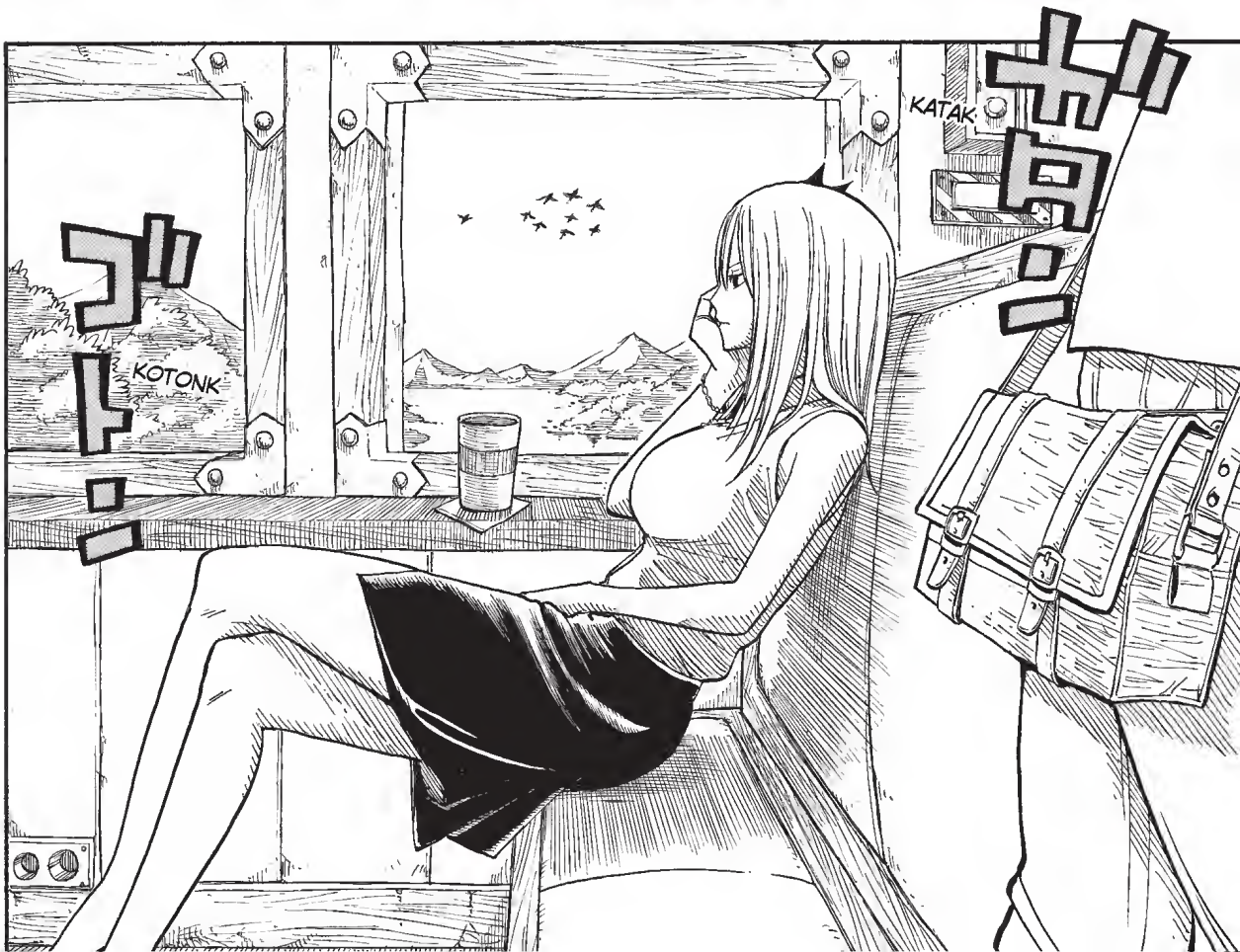
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